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Norah's big day

Norah Walton reads her 100th birthday card from the Queen with daughter Sylvia.

STAFF at the Alma Green care home in Up Holland organised a very special party last week when resident Norah Walton celebrated her 100th birthday.

As well as enjoying a specially-made cake, Norah was treated to a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday by the Evergreen Singers who also performed a number of other songs for the centenarian, including 21 Today!

Born in Scotland Road, Liverpool, Norah later moved to the Old Swan area of the city and worked as a machinist and later at Alder Hey Hospital and a family-owned delicatessen.

She moved to sheltered accommodation in Skelmersdale 10 years ago.

Norah, who also received a congratulatory card from the Queen, was joined by daughter Sylvia for her big day.

TRUST TEAM WIN NATIONAL AWARD

Report by **Henry James**

A GROUP of young people from Skelmersdale have overcome challenges in their lives to win a prestigious national Prince's Trust award at a ceremony in the capital attended by Prince Charles.

Skelmersdale Team 42, picked up the Community Impact Award at the event which was held at the London Palladium in London on Monday, March 7.

The eight-strong group came together on the Prince's Trust's Team programme to play their part in helping some of their community's most isolated people.

After meeting on the project, which is delivered in partnership with West Lancashire College and is designed to equip unemployed young people with the skills and confidence they need to find work, the group invited three charities to pitch for their help.

The team agreed that Yewdale Counselling Service was most in need. This free counselling service is run by volunteers, helping many people in the local community.

Working together to brainstorm ideas, the team came up with a blueprint for a therapeutic garden that included creating different areas within the garden itself and installing individual seating areas.

It took four weeks to transform the garden into a tranquil haven. The team's determination to do a good job often saw them work at weekends and late into the night.

They even repainted rooms inside the centre with subtle colour schemes personally chosen by the team to create a relaxing environment for users of the counselling service.

The members of Skelmersdale Team 42 pictured with Bear Grylls

Encouraging each other when things got tough and learning essential life skills, Team 42 grew as individuals throughout the project, and developed a level of empathy and understanding towards each other that made them stronger and more positive.

Yewdale Counselling Service now has a beautiful garden that is regularly used by its service users and staff, and the young people have a sense of pride that will stay with them forever.

All team members have since progressed into employment, education or training.

Ryan, 21, from Team 42 said: "Receiving this award has been fantastic; it's amazing to be recognised for our efforts. We're ecstatic!" At the awards the team also thanked Sharon Roberts from Asda Skelmersdale for her help with fundraising.

Bear Grylls, who presented the team with their

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Nominations are now open for the People's Choice Award in the Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust annual Pride Awards.

The awards, which will be held on Friday, June 17 this year are for hospital staff and teams or those working in community health services, who deserve special recognition for their excellence and professionalism.

Staff nominate their colleagues in seven different categories while the separate People's Choice Award is for patients and families to show their individual appreciation to a particular member of staff or team.

Nominations can be made online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PA16.

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

Ann Marr, interim chief executive at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "The annual Pride Awards is a fantastic opportunity for the community to support their NHS heroes."

Nominations close at midnight on Saturday, April 2.

The trust provides community and hospital healthcare across north Sefton and West Lancashire. Each year its staff treat more than a quarter of a million outpatients and care for 60,000 inpatients.

Meanwhle, any businesses interested in sponsorship opportunities at the Pride Awards can email joanne.chorley@nhs.net.

Community grant bids invited

VOLUNTARY, community and faith groups in West Lancashire are once again being invited to apply for a share of a county council funding 'pot' to help support their work.

Lancashire's Local Initiative Fund 2016/17 is now open for applications with a total of almost £143,000 available to be distributed among groups across the county's 12 districts.

Now in its sixth year, the scheme provides medium-sized grants to voluntary, community and faith sector groups that carry out important work to help communities across Lancashire.

Eligible groups and organisations can apply for grants from £1,000 to £5,000, if their project supports one of the scheme's three priorities. These are helping families; skills and employment and activities; and programmes for young people aged 12 to 19 (up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities).

County Councillor Jennifer Mein

The deadline to submit applications is 5pm on Thursday, March 21 and decisions on successful applications will be made in May.

Leader of Lancashire County Council, Councillor Jennifer Mein, said: "We're calling on groups and organisations to apply for funding to benefit their local projects.

"These Local Initiative Fund grants support a wide variety of different activities and projects in communities right across Lancashire.

"Around the county last year, we supported a wide range of activities including workshops for young people, sports activities, advice to help people into work, health and wellbeing support, and various other projects."

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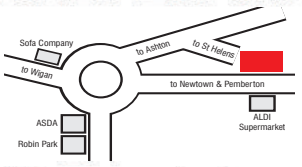

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Footy kids forced off playing fields by equine problem!

AFTER months of enforced inactivity as a result of the persistent and heavy rainfall players and officials of a popular local football league have been forced off their pitches by another problem - horses!

The Skelmersdale Junior Football league had to close three of their pitches at Blaguegate on Sunday, February 28 after they spotted deep holes in some of them, which they believe were made by horses being ridden on the fields.

Fortunately, the damage was spotted before any games kicked off at the venue as league officials say they could have resulted in players sustaining serious injuries.

The postponement was the latest setback for the league which has not been able to play any games for the last 13 weeks because of the bad weather.

Hundreds of youngsters from the town are involved in the organisation with games played at both Liverpool Road and Blaguegate.

League chairman, Joe Nelson, said: "Someone has been riding horses right across the playing fields. We could not play on some of the pitches because horse's hooves had caused holes in the pitches. Three of the pitches were unplayable.

"Luckily we spotted the problem in time and the games did not go on. If we had not spotted them, they could have caused a serious problem.

"If someone had put their ankle in one of the holes in the pitches they could have broken it. Believe me these holes were deep - they must have been about four or five inches.

"It's really annoying that people would do this. Someone in the area is causing us problems at Blaguegate.

"It is sheer stupidity, the horses should not be on there.

"If they have to come on to Blaguegate, they should go round the outside and stay off our pitches. We can't afford to have those pitches out of action.

"I am sure the council would not be happy to hear about this."

Horses have been ridden across Blaguegate pitches

Ann, Ged and Joe Aindow collecting for their SUDEP Action charity at Skelmersdale United FC last week.

Derby day collection for epilepsy charity

DERBY games are always special occasions for soccer fans but the game between Skelmersdale United and Marine on Tuesday, March 1 was significant for more than footballing reasons for one local couple.

Joe and Ann Aindow from Skelmersdale held a collection before and after the game at Stormy Corner on behalf of the charity, SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy) Action.

The couple's son, Damian, was just 30 when he died from epilepsy in December 1999.

Since then they have been working with SUDEP Action to raise awareness and support research into the condition.

Their efforts at the Skem-Marine game - along with son, Ged - saw them raise £240.

Epilepsy claims about 1,100 lives in the UK every year, about half of which are down to SUDEP.

The Epilepsy Society describes Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy as occurring when someone is believed to have died during or after a seizure where no other cause of death can be found.

Joe has also created an A4 leaflet on how to treat epileptic seizures for schools in West Lancs and Edge Hill University.

All the money raised will go to help research and the creation of a miniature, Wireless Apnoea Detection Device (WADD) that is proved to detect apnoeas.

The couple, who attended a Downing Street reception in 2014 hosted by the Prime Minister's wife, Samantha Cameron, said: "We'd like to say thank-you to Skelmersdale United for allowing us to collect at the game and also to the fans for their generosity.

"When our son died, we could not imagine how life could carry on without him. Life is never the same after you lose a child.

"We still grieve but we are proud to be involved with SUDEP Action in striving to help prevent unnecessary epilepsy deaths."

Prince's Trust team win national award

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award commented: "I have been so very impressed meeting all these young people. It has been an incredibly humbling experience - each and every one of them has shown resolve and courage to turn their lives around. I am so proud to be with them on their special day."

The Prince's Trust & Samsung Celebrate Success Awards, now in their 12th year, recognise disadvantaged young people who have overcome issues such as abuse, drug addiction, homelessness, depression and unemployment.

Chris Gould, director of sales strategy at sponsors, EMC UK&I, added: "EMC is very proud to present Team 42 with the EMC Community Impact Award.

"The care they took in delivering the project and the determination they showed is exemplary. We hope that they will inspire many more to take part in fantastic Prince's Trust projects across the country to improve their skills and help local communities."

Town suffers power cut after cable strike

MORE than 1,000 properties were left without electricity and West Lancashire College's Skelmersdale campus had to close when someone struck an underground power cable on Monday in the town causing a power cut.

Nearly 500 homes only suffered minutes without any power, but it took workmen from Electricity North West longer to restore electricity to the college.

A spokesman for Electricity North West said: "A third party damaged an underground cable when someone struck a cable while doing construction work.

"1,328 properties went off at 10.03am on Monday morning and we restored 480 within four minutes. Everybody, apart from the college, was back on by 12.13pm. The damage is still there but everyone has been moved to an alternative supply.

"Skelmersdale College was without power until Monday evening.

"Some of the areas which were affected included Eskdale and Win-

MP highlights concerns over town centre redevelopment

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has spoken during a parliamentary debate on the future of high streets to highlight concerns over Skelmersdale's stalled town-centre redevelopment.

Ms Cooper said: "In Skelmersdale we would love a high street. There are plans for a town-centre redevelopment that currently consist of just one building, yet the owners of that building are fighting tooth and nail to stop the development, despite 90% of the retail spend going outside of Skelmersdale.

"Sometimes the protection of individual interests, as in this case, damages the wider benefits for all residents and the community. The town and its residents should come first and we need extra help to make that happen."

Speaking after the debate Ms Cooper said: "I've always said and believe that a new town centre for Skelmersdale offers a new future for Skelmersdale. The town's residents deserve a 21st century town centre. A future of which the Concourse could be and should be a part.

"Instead the Concourse owners seem to think it is either the town centre or the Concourse. As 90% of shoppers are going out of the area, if the town centre were to attract a good proportion of those shoppers back into the town, this could be good for the Concourse."

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Advice centre's helping hand for Universal Benefit claimants

HELP is at hand for people in West Lancashire seeking advice about Universal Credit.

New government figures reveal that more than 1,100 residents in the borough are now claiming Universal Credit and volunteers at Citizens Advice Lancashire West are encouraging claimants to turn to them for information about the new benefit and how it is likely to affect them.

Since its introduction in West Lancs in February 2014, the advice bureau has helped with more than 190 issues relating to Universal Credit.

The majority of enquiries relate to who is eligible for the benefit and requests for help with the application process.

Universal Credit rolls six working-age benefits into one single monthly paymen for people who are on a low income or out of work. It is being introduced in stages across the country, in the first instance to single people who are making new claims. It will eventually be rolled out to couples, families and people who are sick or disabled.

Diane Gradwell, chief executive at Citizens Advice Lancashire West, said: "Many people will need help getting to grips with Universal Credit

"Since it was introduced in West Lancashire, there has been a gradual increase in the number of people turning to us for help with their Universal Credit claim, including questions about whether they can apply for Universal Credit, how to apply and help with the online form as well as support when there are problems with a claim, which can lead to a delay.

"Simplifying welfare and making every hour of work pay are good principles. We know that without the right help and support people across West Lancashire may struggle with Universal Credit and how to manage their money on the new benefit.

"The Jobcentre has an important role to play in making it clear that help is available and that it effectively signposts to where people can get the support they need."

Diane Gradwell

Benefits are the most common type of enquiry people turn to Citizens Advice for help with and the Lancashire West bureau helped people with more than 7,750 benefit queries in the last year – around 25% of all the enquiries it received.

People in the West Lancashire area wanting advice can call in at the Citizens Advice office at Unit 47 in the Concourse Centre, Skelmersdale or call 0344 245 1294 to speak to local advisers.

Film aims to steer youngsters away from a life of crime

A GROUP of young people from Skelmersdale have scripted and produced a film aimed at diverting youngsters away from organised crime and gang culture.

Through funding provided by the Lancashire police and crime commissioner, West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership commissioned the Artz Centre to script and produce the film, called Crossing The Line, with a cast of young people from the West Lancashire area.

The brief was to ensue key messages aimed at showing the risks and consequences of becoming involved in organised crime was woven into the storyline.

Mark Ashton from the Artz Centre said: "Film maker Joshua Gwynne and I, together with our skilled production team, have put together a piece of work that encapsulates key messages and also showcases a talented local cast.

"We anticipate that this product will be an excellent tool for delivering messages on this theme directly into schools to assist in showing the consequences of making poor choices and hopefully deterring young people away from organised crime."

Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, will be attending the launch event and introduce the film on Tuesday, March 22 at the Artz Centre in Hartland, Birch Green.

Mark added: "We have also confirmed attendance at the launch by David Tilleray, chairman of the Community Safety Partnership, who will open the event; Simon Giles, head of crime, Lancashire Constabulary who will provide a brief background on organised crime; the Lord High Sheriff of Lancashire, Amanda Parker; and Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, who will officially close the event."

Sea Cadets' 'Come and Try It' call

ONE of Skelmersdale's 'best-kept secrets' is opening its doors to the town's young people this Saturday (March 12).

Anyone aged 10 to 17 is welcome to join Skelmersdale Sea Cadets for their Come and Try It session from noon to 2pm where they can get involved in a variety of activities and team games, for free.

Based in Tanhouse, next to Hillside Primary School, Skelmersdale Sea Cadets was established in 1985 and since then has supported many young people to get the best possible start in life through nautical adventure and fun.

They meet twice a week on Tuesday and Friday evenings, as well as having several weekends away a year, when they take part in a variety of activities on land and on water.

Not only do the cadets discover new skills and interests, they also develop their confidence, self-discipline and ability to work in teams.

Commanding officer, Petty Officer (SCC) Billy Halliday, said: "I am very proud to be the commanding officer of Skelmersdale Sea Cadets. I joined as a cadet many years ago and have gained so much as a cadet and a volunteer.

"Young people can take part in all kinds of competitions from power boating and sailing, to football, music and drill, plus learn nautical skills as they complete their training.

"Not only is it fun, but the new skills definitely give our cadets a head start and boost their confidence."

Skelmersdale Sea Cadets currently has spaces for more young people and volunteers to join their ranks so anyone who interested is welcome to join in the Come and Try It session at TS Rodney, Tawd Road.

Youngsters are also welcome to drop in on any Tuesday or Friday evening from 7pm to find out about the opportunities that are available with the Sea Cadets.

League moves to allay parents' concerns over touchline violence

Report by **Henry James**

OFFICIALS of the Skelmersdale Junior Football League have spoken up to reassure players and their parents that touchline violence and referee abuse are NOT problems for the league.

It comes after three games in a youth league in Surrey had to be called off last month following violent outbursts on the touchline, reportedly sparked by the abuse of referees.

One incident saw a parent allegedly threaten to stab a referee, while in another a linesman was head-butted.

And the chairman of the league involved, Graham Ekins feared that the abuse of referees could "result in a death."

However, chairman of the Skelmersdale Junior League, Joe Nelson, said: "We have minor incidents each year but nothing of that nature. We have been very lucky. In the 40 years the league has been running we have had only a few incidents.

"I am aware the standard of referring can be a big problem for some leagues. In the Skelmersdale Junior League we have 16 referees, men and women, and all referees are fully trained. Some leagues give the referees no training and don't have official referees. We also have a referee's assessor who tells people after a period of time if it is not for them.

"The standard of behaviour of the parents is 100%. We never have any real incidents and that is down to good referees.

"All managers wear a vest identifying them, so if the referee has a problem he can sort it easily. Many leagues don't have that policy and it has made a big difference."

Civic approval... Joe Nelson (left) with Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy at the official opening of the new Skelmersdale Junior League season last September.

Government funding formula a 'slap in the face for West Lancs' says MP

ROSIE Cooper has branded the government's funding to local councils "a slap in the face to West Lancashire residents."

The West Lancs MP said in recent weeks the Conservative government has cut further the funding grants for both Lancashire County Council and the borough council.

And she commented: "The government even changed the funding formula just weeks before issuing the grants leaving local councils worse-off than they initially projected."

Originally the county council had expected to lose £65m from its budget this year but following the funding formula change the authority lost a further £11m, forcing budget cuts of £76m this year alone.

The county council face a funding gap of £303m by 2020.

Ms Cooper pointed out that, due to the scale of these budget cuts, West Lancs residents will lose "vital" bus services and see cutbacks across other council services.

And although the department for communities and local government introduced a transitional fund for two years to help councils along with the rural services delivery grant, she said this was slanted in favour of Conservative-controlled councils.

She said: "Sadly, the government has used the funds in a partisan manner to support Conservative-run councils, disregarding the needs of taxpayers living in areas with Labour-run local authorities.

Derisory

"From these two new funds West Lancashire Borough Council will receive just £7,225 in 2016/17 and £7,202 in 2017/18 while Lancashire County Council will receive £1.11m and £1.15m over the next two years.

"Conservative councils, including Surrey will receive £24m, Hampshire will receive £18.7m and Hertfordshire £15.6m over the same two-year period in comparison to the derisory amounts received by local councils."

And she added: "The idea that these derisory sums of money will make a difference in the face of such savage and biting cuts to council budgets is laughable.

"This government's allocations to Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council are contemptible, especially in comparison to the funding received by Conservative-run councils.

"When Lancashire County Council are forced to make £75m in cuts, offering a £1m in transitional funding demonstrates that this transitional funding is all about image over substance.

"What makes people living in Conservative-run council areas more deserving than the people of West Lancashire?"

School has World Book Day 'covered!

Councillor Liz Savage (centre) at Lathom High in Skelmersdale during World Book Day

AS part of celebrations to mark World Book Day, students and staff at Lathom High in Skelmersdale were tasked with creating book cover designs for their tutor room doors by English teacher, Miss Boden.

The whole school got involved in the competitive spirit with the contest arranged along the lines of house teams.

Deputy Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage was invited along to judge the designs and was impressed by overwhelmed by the effort and talent shown.

A winning door was chosen from each house with the overall winning design nominated by the deputy mayor.

Winners included Miss Foster for Bronte House, Mr Dahl from Livingstone House, Miss Baines from Rosalind House and Mrs Brettle from Radcliffe House.

Miss Baines also won the overall prize and a trip to Starbucks in Bickerstaffe for a hot drink and reading time.

Meanwhile at 10.25am the school participated in a Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) event where all staff and students across school stopped what they were doing for 20 minutes to read.

A spokesperson from Lathom High said: "It was fantastic to see students and staff enjoying reading their books."

Staff member Mrs Owen invited students and staff to go into the library to choose books for the event.

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County council brings in £10 Blue Badge fee

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The Blue Badge scheme allows people with disabilities affecting their mobility to park closer to their destination, by using disabled bays and areas where parking restrictions may usually be in place. The badges can be used in vehicles where an eligible disabled person is the driver or a passenger.

By charging £10 for each new badge, the county council will cover 58% of the cost of the scheme.

Lancashire issues more Blue Badges than any other council in the country - more than 27,400 badges were issued in the county between March 2014 and April 2015.

County councillor Tony Martin

County Councillor Tony Martin, the county council's cabinet member for adult and community services, said: "This has been a very difficult decision but given the tough financial challenge we face, we've had to introduce a charge to cover the costs of the service.

"Unprecedented cuts in government funding, combined with an increasing demand for our services, mean we have to save £65m over the next two years.

"Although there will be a £10 charge it's still great value for money. The badges provide a range of parking concessions for a three-year period.

"The charge was proposed following a review earlier this financial year. We also made improvements to the scheme which have led to a reduction in waiting times for issuing them, improved processing times and fewer formal complaints."

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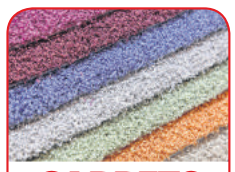

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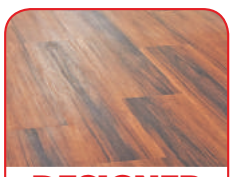

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Council's economic chief's 'come to the table' appeal to Concourse owners

McKenna says it will be a 'travesty' if town misses out on benefits of redevelopment

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council's economic development and regeneration champion, Councillor Frank McKenna says it would be a "travesty" if Skelmersdale were to miss out on the chance to benefit from the redevelopment of the town centre as a result of the latest legal bid by the owners of the Concourse shopping centre, London & Cambridge Properties.

And he called on LCP to 'come to the table' and work with the authority to create a fabulous environment for the town's residents.

Cllr. McKenna was speaking after it was revealed that Skelmersdale Limited Partnership - a joint venture between LCP and Threadneedle Inivestment - were seeking to overturn the High Court's finding in favour of the council-backed St Modwen scheme for the town.

He said: "I am bitterly disappointed and surprised by the decision of LCP to cause a further delay to the much-needed and long overdue regeneration of Skelmersdale town centre.

"The recent High Court ruling very clearly and firmly found against all of the objections raised by the Concourse owners. I am confident that we will win the next round of this unnecessary battle, but it creates more delay and more frustration for the residents of the borough.

"Given the fact that LCP also had legal costs awarded against them following the High Court hearing, I have to say that if I were one of their directors I would be asking if that six-figure sum would have been better invested in refurbishing the Concourse facility itself. This further action will simply add to their costs, but crucially leave our town in limbo for another significant period of time."

Mr McKenna warned that the longer the delay the more difficult would be the challenge of attracting investors and retailers to Skelmersdale.

"The retailers, hospitality operators and business investors who we are trying to persuade to share our vision of a vibrant, modern, 21st century town are also being courted by other locations across the UK. Without a firm timescale in place it is impossible for us to get contracts signed, and the danger is that those who are interested will go elsewhere.

Councillor Frank Mckenna

"Skelmersdale was allowed to go into decline in the 70s, was forgotten about in the 80s and ignored during the boom years of the 90s. It will be an absolute travesty if we miss out again because of the self-interest and short-sightedness of a southern-based commercial property owner.

"Even at this late stage, I would urge LCP to come to the table and work with us to deliver a project that will create a fabulous environment for our people, and can potentially compliment the Concourse offer too.

"If they refuse to do so, the people of Skelmersdale have every right to feel let down by the Concourse."

Asda community support worker, Sharon Roberts presents the cheque for £200 to Mark Hill from the Dream-Makers Drama Society, watched by Dave Ord and John Blundell from Quarry Bank Community Association

Store's cheque boost for drama group

THE Dream-makers Drama Society are the latest winners of a community campaign run by a Skelmersdale supermarket.

Representatives from the group were presented with a cheque for £200 as part of Asda's Chosen By You Given By Us initiative.

The scheme gives local charities and organisations the chance to be nominated by the members of the public to receive a donation from their local store.

Joint runners-up in the latest round of the scheme were the Quarry Bank Community Association and The Engine Rooms who each received £50.

The Dream-makers Drama Society are a group of people that meet weekly at The Engine Rooms in Skelmersdale to practice and produce drama.

A spokesman for the group said: "We develop performers and artists, some of whom have learning disabilities. Our mission is to watch our members progress and produce good quality drama productions in the local community."

Up Holland councillor re-selected as Labour candidate for May poll

COUNCILLOR Gaynar Owen has been re-selected by Labour to contest the Up Holland ward in the forthcoming West Lancashire Borough Council elections.

Gaynar, who lives in Alma Hill, has represented the ward for the past four years. She was made vice-chair of the planning committee when Labour took control of the borough council last May.

As well as working part-time and caring for her husband John, she also volunteers twice a week in the local hospice shop.

Cllr Owen said: "Having represented the people of Up Holland for the past four years, I am pleased to have been chosen to stand again and while it has been a challenging time, it has been a pleasure to work with the local parish council and local residents on issues that affect them."

Councillor Gaynar Owen

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Council pledge crackdown on fly-tippers

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire Borough Council has taken successful legal action following reports of two cases of rubbish being illegally dumped in the area.

At Ormskirk Magistrates Court on Monday, February 29 Matthew Vanenburg, of Ivydale, Birch Green, Skelmersdale, pleaded guilty to depositing 24 bin bags of household waste outside the former Plough Inn, Church Street, Ormskirk.

He also pleaded guilty to failing to provide waste transfer notes as required to under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

The court heard that Vanenburg had removed this waste from the Manchester area in February 2015.

He was sentenced to a community order of 40 hours unpaid work and ordered to pay £400 costs and a £60 victim surcharge.

And in a separate case at Ormskirk Magistrates Court on the same day Martin Doherty was found guilty in his absence of transferring waste to an unlicensed person.

A large amount of waste was reported to the council as being fly-tipped at the side of White Moss Road South, Skelmersdale. Doherty admitted in an interview that some of the waste was his.

Reminder

The waste included bin bags of household waste, clothing, a fridge and some builders' waste.

The court heard that Doherty, of High Street, Skelmersdale, had paid some people £60 to remove this waste. Mr Doherty failed to get a receipt for this and failed to get a waste transfer note from the person who dumped the waste.

Doherty was fined £660 by the court, and ordered to pay £374.29 costs and a £66 victim surcharge.

The council has issued a reminder to householders that they need to make sure any waste that they have removed is disposed of legally.

Anyone removing waste as part of a business must have a waste carrier's licence and give waste transfer notes to whomever they take waste from.

Householders can check if anyone who removes waste from them has a waste carrier's licence by contacting the Environment Agency.

Councillor Kevin Wright, the council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "The message from these convictions is clear. West Lancashire Borough Council takes a hard line approach to fly-tipping and its environmental enforcement team is committed to taking action against offenders wherever possible."

Above: The rubbish dumped by Martin Doherty in Skelmersdale

Below: The bin bags containing household waste left by Matthew Vanenburg in Ormskirk

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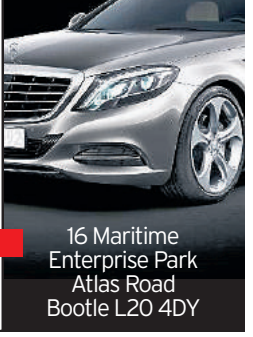

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Town is inspiration for former Verve star's new album

Simon Tong (left) with fellow band members Hannah Peel and Erland Cooper

Report by **Henry James**

SIMON Tong, former guitarist and keyboard player with Brit award-winning rock band The Verve, and his new band The Magnetic North are set to release an album inspired by his adopted home town of Skelmersdale.

After being influenced by the Orkney islands for their first album, The Magnetic North have now turned their attention to Skem!

The album, Prospect of Skelmersdale, is due for release on Friday, on March 18 on the Full Time Hobby independent record label with track titles including Pennylands, Sandy Lane and Northway/Southway.

Tong, 43, who played with The Verve between 1996 and 1999, moved to Skelmersdale in 1984 from Bolton.

In an article on the Full Time Hobby website, he commented: "My dad wanted to be a part of the TM movement in the town. He wasn't ever a hippie, he'd been more of a beatnik in the 1960s.

"Growing up in Skem as a teenager, I hated the whole TM thing but when I got to 16 and started practising it for a few years, it worked. I became a lot less miserable and angry."

Prospect of Skelmersdale has been described by the band as a "collection of musical snapshots of a uniquely British town."

As well as Tong, The Magnetic North is made up of Erland Cooper and Hannah Peel.

Tong added: "We wanted to start the record with the laying of the foundation stone of the TM temple. The opening track's title, Jai Gurudev, is from the name of the original guru to the Maharishi. His name is used as a blessing when entering someone's house in the town. Starting the album there felt like we were giving the record a blessing."

Inspiration for the tracks came from archived news stories, road signs, and local graffiti.

The Beatles were advocates of the Maharishi in the 1960s and the new album ends with a cover of George Harrison's Run of the Mill.

Care group initiative to give employees a voice

A NEW initiative has been set up to give employees of the care group which operates Birch Green Care Home in Skelmersdale, more input into the way the organisation is run.

Employee Voice has been created by the Springhill Care Group, which operates three care homes and a supported living service, to increase engagement between all members of staff and senior management.

Staff will be given the chance to submit thoughts and suggestions on a range of issues relating to the way the homes are run via a confidential feedback form.

And once a month nominated members from each department will meet to present and discuss the collective feedback.

Valuable

One member will also get the chance to attend the Springhill Care Group's monthly board meeting to represent and be a voice for staff.

Ginny Perkins, head of human resources for the Springhill Group, said: "Staff are our most valuable resource and we want to provide them with an effective way to put across their views on how our services operate.

"Employee Voice is the perfect platform for this, allowing us to consult a broad range of employees and properly reflect their views, to fully benefit our residents and workforce."

Virginia Perkins, head of HR at the Springhill Group

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The Bishop Martin pupils pictured during their trip to North Wales

Pupils enjoy half-term adventure

A HALF-term trip to Snowdonia certainly lived up to the schools's motto of Inspire, Enjoy, Achieve for a party of Year 4 pupils from Bishop Martin CE Primary.

The youngsters visited the Rhyd-y-creuau Field Studies Council Centre in the Conway Valley, North Wales where enjoy an opportunity to spend a night away from home - normally reserved for Year 6 pupils.

Their journey was punctuated by a stop-off in Conway, crabbing from the harbour wall in the shadow of the castle, followed by a visit to the RNLI centre.

The children had an educational and fun-filled stay at the centre enjoying orienteering, a night walk, songs and marshmallow toasting around a campfire and pond-dipping.

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Some of the Little Digmoor Primary School pictured in front of the new mural featuring some of them and their classmates

Pupils put themselves in the picture to brighten up school!

WHEN staff and pupils at Little Digmoor Primary School in Skelmersdale primary school held a special assembly to discuss ways to brighten up their surroundings the youngsters decided they wanted something to show just how much they enjoyed school.

The result was a colourful mural featuring photographs of a number of the children taking part in a range of activities at the school in Abbeystead.

Pupils designed the mural themselves and it was put together by the Warrington Signs company.

Headteacher at the school, Dave Paton, said: "The children wanted something that told them they were at a happy school, with their comments coming from discussions we had.

"They came up with the design themselves and were very proud when we unveiled the finished product at the launch recently."

MP's fury over decision to hand borough healthcare provision to private sector

ROSIE Cooper has blasted what she described as the "scandalous" decision to privatise local healthcare services and labelled it a "real blow" to the NHS in West Lancashire.

Four companies have been invited to continue negotiations to take over community health and urgent care services in the borough, despite a proposal by Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust to continue local provision.

Lancashire Care Foundation Trust, Optum, Virgin Care Services and Bridgewater Community Healthcare have been invited to discuss community health services, while Optum and Virgin Care Services have been invited to discuss urgent care services.

The West Lancs MP said the move was like "handing out our NHS services like sweeties to the private sector."

Services affected include the GP out-of-hours provision, walk-in centres in Ormskirk and Skelmersdale, and the Acute Visiting Service.

The trust submitted applications to the first stage of the tender process by the January deadline and Southport and Formby CCG is still considering their submission. But NHS West Lancashire CCG announced last week that the trust was unsuccessful in clearing this stage.

Rosie Cooper said: "For West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group to be privatising NHS health services is a scandalous decision and one to which I am opposed.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

"Taking away services from the local hospital, where the new interim team have been working hard to deliver change and improve services, will be a real blow.

"The health bosses at the CCG talk about 'creating effective and sustainable services for the future. It is unclear how giving away local NHS-run services to private companies or out-of-town organisations is going to achieve that aim.

"As far as I am concerned all the CCG has done by making this decision is to actually weaken NHS services in West Lancashire – and that this is the thin end of the wedge. I fear this is more about flexing their muscles rather than supporting NHS services here in West Lancashire.

"In their press announcement the CCG refers to freeing up capacity at A&E. It's ironic that local GPs have made this decision. Perhaps if they focused on ensuring West Lancashire residents could get a GP appointment that may more readily ease the pressure on A&E and give patients the better access they need.

"There needs to be comprehensive scrutiny of these decisions if the CCG is going to be handing out our NHS services like sweeties to the private sector. Local residents should ask their GP why they are allowing their services to be privatised."

Trust board interim chief executive, Ann Marr added: "This is a very disappointing decision. Our community-based staff provide excellent care to patients in their homes and in clinics every day of the week. The trust very much values their hard work and commitment and patient satisfaction is high. We will seek clarification about why the CCG has chosen not to support this model of innovative, integrated care."

However, Claire Heneghan, chief nurse and board member of NHS West Lancashire CCG, argued that the move was a positive step for West Lancashire, saying that factors including NHS constraints and an ageing population mean that services needed to evolve.

She said: "Changing and enhancing the way we deliver services will allow us to free up hospital capacity in order to allow them to focus on those other crucial areas and services they specialise in.

"The organisations we are talking to must demonstrate they can meet the criteria we set and importantly must also continue to deliver high quality safe care. While this process continues, patients can expect to continue to receive community health services and urgent care services locally. Local services including those at our local hospital will not be impacted by this procurement. I'd therefore like to reassure local residents this is a typical commissioning process about how services are managed and delivered."

The decision on Southport and Formby's integrated community services will be announced in April.

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Microchipping alert to borough dog owners

DOG owners are being urged to check that their pet has been microchipped and that it is up to date before a new law comes into force next month.

New legislation brought in under the Animal Welfare Act of 2006 will make it a legal requirement for all dogs to be microchipped - and their details kept up to date - by Wednesday, April 6.

And officials at West Lancs Council are asking pet owners in the borough to make sure that they have had their dog microchipped as anyone failing to meet these requirements can be served with a 21-day notice giving them the opportunity to get their dogs chipped. Failure to comply can result in prosecution and a fine of up to £500.

Dogs with microchips that are not up to date will be deemed as not microchipped and owners again will be served with a 21-day notice to complete the update. The microchip needs to be registered to the dog's keeper and their address.

There will also be a requirement for all breeders who breed from female dogs to have the puppies microchipped before they are eight weeks old. Puppy buyers need to ensure that their puppies have been chipped and registered before taking their dogs home.

Pet owners don't get caught napping ... from April 6 all dogs must be microchipped

It will be an offence under the new legislation to sell on or transfer any dog that has not been microchipped and registered and new owners are also legally responsible for ensuring their new pet's details are kept up to date.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West lancs Council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "It is very important that people comply with this legislation or they could be prosecuted and face a heavy fine.

"So, if you are a dog owner make sure your pet is microchipped and the chip is up to date."

Dogs may only be exempt from chipping if they have a certificate from a vet. The new law is additional legislation and does not replace the requirement for a dog to wear a collar and tag in a public place. Currently dog owners can be fined up to £5,000 for not having collar and tags on their dogs.

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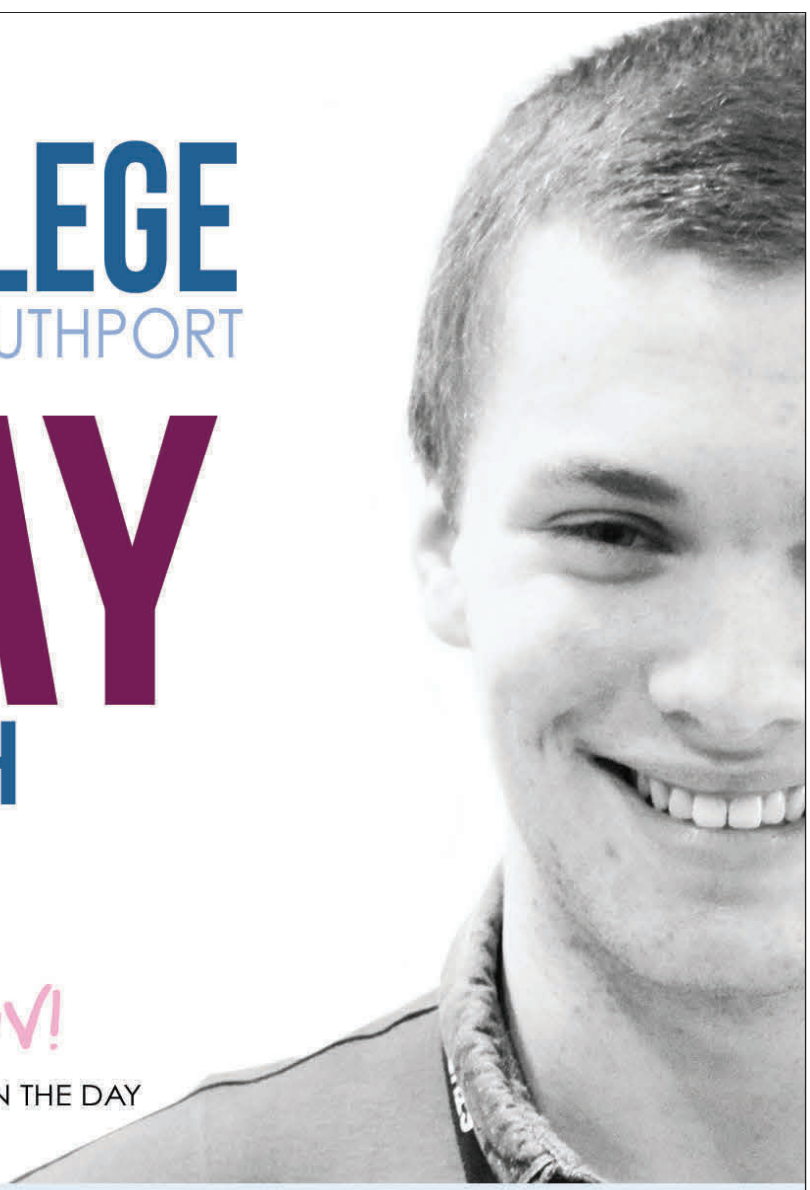

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Each new reform takes NHS further down the road to privatisation

THERE have been several years of relative under-funding in our NHS since 2010. Instead of the traditional four per cent increase, it has 'suffered' a 0.8 percent increase per year.

This is part of a 20-year sequence of steady reorganisation, all deliberate because each new reform takes us further down the privatisation road.

Under Thatcher in 1988, Oliver Letwin wrote a document called, 'Britain's Biggest Enterprise', where he set out the stages which you can go through without the public noticing to get us to the USA model. Blair continued that model.

Firstly, you break-up the hospital networks into foundation trusts, which creates separate business entities.

Secondly, you saddle hospitals with private finance initiatives (PFI). In essence the government borrowed 11 billion from private banks and the taxpayer has to pay back 80 billion, a deliberate financial millstone to justify the sale of the NHS further along the line.

For this to work, the government then introduced the 2009, 'Unsustainable Provider Regime', a fake bankruptcy regime to justify closing hospitals, as they tried with Lewisham Hospital.

To justify further closures and attacks on the health service, they had to restructure it from a care delivery service to a business so they can then say 'this business is failing.'

The next stage is to merge NHS budgets with social care; social care budgets having already been largely privatised. You will then have the entry point for patient charges and co-payments.

The man in charge of our NHS, Simon Stevens, after serving the Blair government and working for United Health Care (an American health care private insurance company) actively campaigned against Obama Care, and wants, the Transatlantic Trade Investment Partnership (TTIP) to include our NHS so that USA private health care companies can run our NHS.

So, to the junior doctors dispute, a situation that has been completely contrived. It never was a negotiation, there was always the threat of imposition and doctors are not arguing for a pay rise. Hunt wants to break the unsocial hours payment so that when the private companies take over they can abuse the doctors.

A helpful side product of Hunt's actions is a purge of doctors which will save on redundancy payments. The doctors will be replaced with a down-skilled workforce, a cheaper workforce and a more complaint workforce. A workforce in crisis, which the government has actively created, will also help the argument to shut down more hospitals.

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Joseph Welsh, Skelmersdale

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I WOULD like, through the Champion, to express my sincere thanks to all those people who helped my husband when he fell top to bottom down the stairs.

He's 86 years old and how he didn't kill himself, I don't know.

First to thank are the three ambulance men who came at 2am and cared for him while transporting him to Southport Hospital.

Next, I would like to thank the A&E staff who work so tirelessly and then all the staff and consultants who cared for him on wards 9A and 10A.

And lastly the staff on Bluebell Lodge ward at Ormskirk Hospital. He was in hospital almost three weeks and his care was wonderful.

Now we have the district nurses helping Harry and myself and I can't thank everyone enough.

While he was in A&E for quite a while, I just watched the staff – they were so very busy but they never stopped helping people. Truly wonderful.

Good on our NHS, I say.

Cath Whimpanny, Up Holland

How long does it take to get a dangerous pothole fixed?

I AM having great difficulty in trying to get the potholes repaired in and around the manhole outside the Aughton Lawn Tennis Club.

I have reported these as far back as January 25 and again on February 29 but cannot get these dangerous potholes filled in.

I indicated that it was extremely dangerous and that it was in the middle of the road and could result in a trip or car damage.

On Tuesday, March 1 at about 6pm a car hit the pothole and it separated the car's tyre from the rim. Luckily it was going slowly as I was walking across the road at the time and if the car had been travelling straight on at normal speed, it could have swerved and hit me.

Last week I visited the site and there are still no work or barriers erected. I have now written to my local councillor to request their involvement on a purely safety issue, as well as to Lancashire County Council.

Is anyone else having problems?

Angry pothole spotter, Aughton, by email

PICTURE of the week

The pies have it.... sweet or savoury - pastry lovers across the land are marking the ninth annual British Pie Week in celebration of one of the nation's favourite tasty treats. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Wind turbine lifts the spirits for me

I DON't see how Skelmersdale's new wind turbine is an eyesore. In fact, I think its a sight for sore eyes.

It's also an excellent landmark which can be seen from miles away; and thanks to modern technology the turbine efficiently generates electricity from the wind instead of non-renewable sources such as gas.

Many countries now have wind turbines generating more than half of their energy needs, including Scotland.

So let' learn to love those slowly-turning blades of our Skem turbine.

N.B., Ashurst, by email

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Kindness helped us deal with loss of beloved pet

RECENTLY we lost our beautiful, gorgeous, funny and unique ginger cat. Marmy died under the wheels of a car in a tragic accident.

We would like to thank the lady who took him to Rufford Vets and the staff there for their kindness.

Because he was microchipped we were contacted immediately and were able to collect him and, importantly, to know what had happened to him

We are devastated by the loss of Marmy, just a cat to everyone else, but a loved part of our family.

I would urge all pet owners to have their pets microchipped and to ask that anyone who finds an animal in distress to contact a vet. It has truly been a great help to us.

Sandra Snelling, by email

Conscientious worker deserves our praise

I JUST wanted to say that I had the same experience that Pauline Taylor (Letters, March 2) had last week.

I drove along Cobb's Clough Road in Skelmersdale four times on Tuesday, February 23 in the morning and saw a young man working alone all along the verges to the tip picking up rubbish.

He filled many white bags and I actually stopped to thank him personally as he was working so hard every time I passed by.

I am very pleased that the council have employed such a conscientious young person and he should be thanked for his efforts.

Jacquelin Kindon, by email

Did anyone ever ask the people?

WITH regard to the disagreement between St Modwen and the Concourse over the town centre development, I am really sick and tired of the arguments.

But what I would like to know is have the people of Skelmersdale been given a vote on what they would like, or is it a case of, we will tell you and just get on with it (like in the book 1984).

I do realise that certain people will not agree but that is their choice.

Mr J. Bridgewood, Blakehall, Skelmersdale

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Housing charity in call for more affordable homes

Shelter analysis highlights sky-high prices paid by those caught in the 'rent trap'

Report by **Henry James**

TENANTS paying rent for an average two-bedroom home in West Lancashire would have forked out more than £33,250 to their landlord over the last five years, new analysis by housing and homelessness charity Shelter has revealed.

This is more than the sum needed for a 20% deposit on the average first-time buyer home in the region, which is currently priced at £141,852.

With millions of tenants believed to be caught in the 'rent trap' of paying sky-high housing costs and unable to keep up with rocketing house prices, the research highlights the areas where 'generation rent' are forking out the most.

The figure for West Lancs is higher than the average paid in Liverpool (£32,297), Preston (£31,657) and the North West as a whole £30,930).

Government figures released last month showed the depth of the problem, as 'generation rent' continues to grow. Nationally, 46% of 25 to 34-year-olds now privately rent, compared to just 24% 10 years ago.

Shelter chief executive Campbell Robb

With housing costs showing no sign of abating, Shelter is calling on the government to commit to investing in homes which people on ordinary wages can actually afford to rent or buy.

The charity's chief executive, Campbell Robb, said: "When just five years of rent could get you the deposit on a house, it's no wonder the North West's renters feel like they're getting a raw deal, paying through the nose for something they can never call their own.

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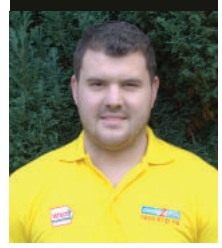

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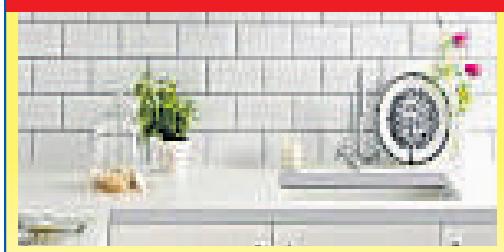

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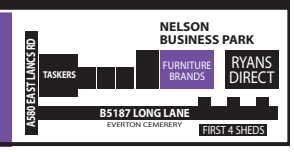

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The club, which has more than 40 members, holds training sessions each Wednesday for adults and young people aged 14 and older and as a non-profit organisation, qualified divers give their time for free to teach trainees.

Trainee divers are taught British Sub Aqua Club qualifications, including up to ocean diver level, which allows divers to reach depths of up to 20 metres and sports diver level, which allows diving to depths of up to 35 metres.

Members of the club also meet for social activities and go on regular diving holidays in the UK and overseas. The group's next 'liveaboard' trip will take place in May around the Western Isles of Scotland.

Last year, nine members enjoyed a three-day trip diving with seals in the Farne islands off the coast of Northumberland; a party of eight took part in a week-long 'Best of Wrecks' tour around the Red Sea on a 'liveaboard' boat from Hurghada; and members of the club also volunteered to provide boat cover for kayak racing at Thurstaston on the club boat.

Club member, David Jeffers, said: "Diving here in the UK you can have up-close encounters with playful seals, as well as exploring the history of the wrecks around the coast of Britain, while places like Egypt offer warm, clear waters with colourful marine life. Scuba diving offers something for everybody, from history and wildlife, to good times with friends."

For more information visit the group's Facebook page, Phoenix BSAC or their website at www.bsac.com and search for Skelmersdale or call try-dive officer Carol on 07544248679.

86% of pupils in county set to attend secondary school of choice

MORE than eight out of 10 secondary school pupils in Lancashire will be attending one of their preferred schools or academies this September.

Lancashire County Council's figures for secondary school admissions show that 86% will get their first preference, 7.5% will go to schools which were their second or third preference, while 2.6% have been allocated a place at other schools. This year nearly 95% of parents overall chose to complete their application online.

Everyone whose initial offer is not for their preferred schools or academies will automatically receive a form with information about waiting lists and the appeals process, which will take place during May and June.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, the county's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Waiting to find out which secondary school you've been allocated can be an anxious time, for both parents and children. I have first-hand experience of this, so I know exactly how parents feel at this time.

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To date, no-one has come forward to claim the prize nearly four months later.

And the search is on to find the lucky ticket holder before Thursday, May 19. If no-one comes forward with the winning ticket before the prize claim deadline, then the prize money, plus all the interest it has generated, will go to help National Lottery-funded projects across the UK.

A National Lottery spokesman said: "We're eager to find the mystery ticket-holder and unite them with their winnings - this amazing prize could really make a huge difference to someone's life."

Lotto players in the borough are being urged to check and double-check their tickets again or to look anywhere a missing ticket could be - such as in the pockets of clothing, in a wallet or purse, or even stuffed down the back of a sofa!

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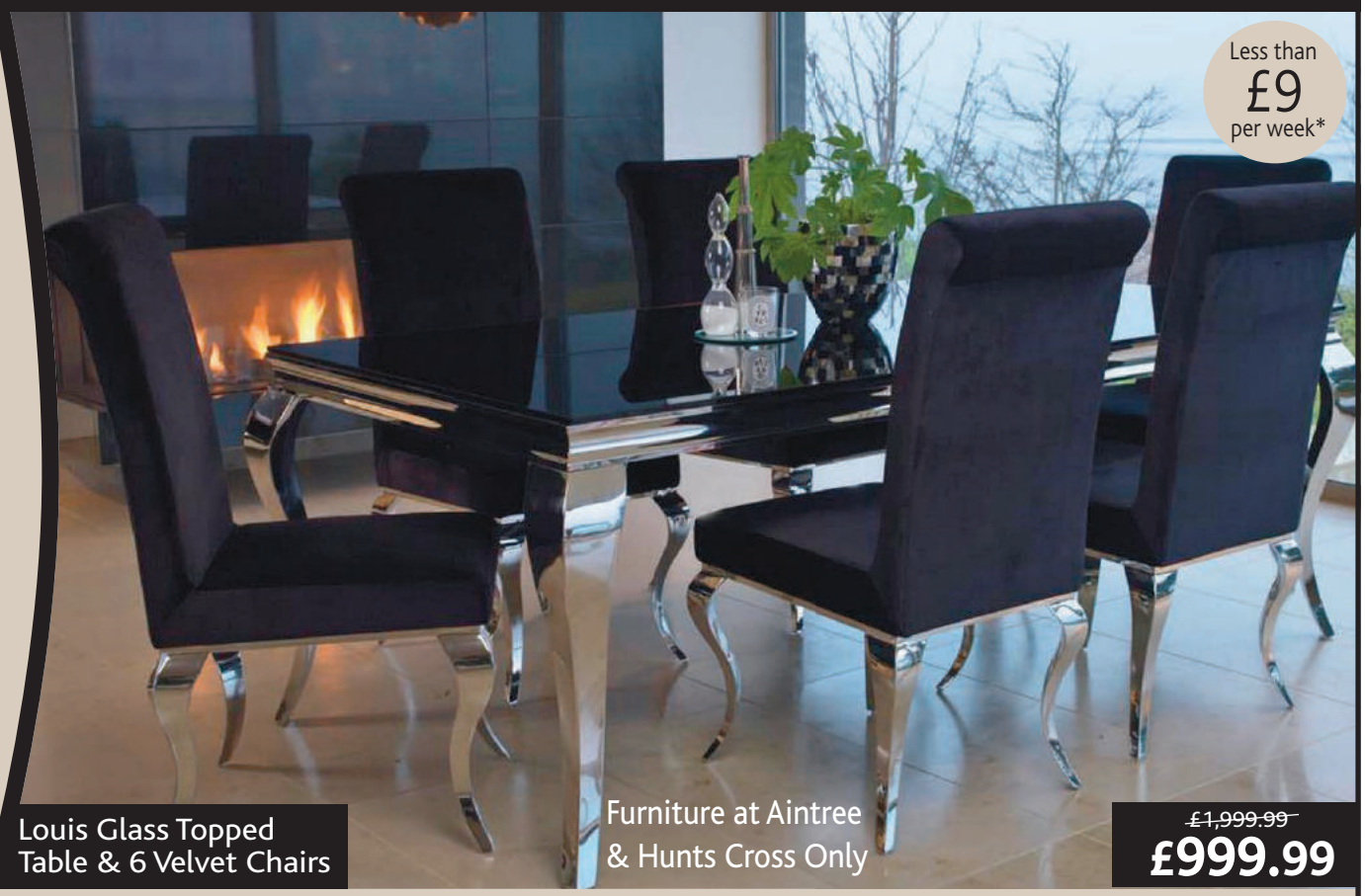

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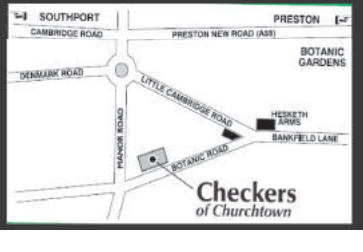

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Council opts for new management structure with Kim as chief executive

WEST Lancashire Borough Council has agreed a new permanent management structure which, it's claimed, will save the authority more than £104,000 a year.

At the meeting on February 24, the council agreed the move which sees Kim Webber, re-designated as chief executive, head of the paid service and returning officer with effect from March 1.

The chief executive post carries a salary of £98,808 per annum.

The Champion reported last year that the joint managing director structure at West Lancs Council was to be scrapped after the council agreed the voluntary redundancy of one of their chiefs, Gill Rowe.

The saving of £104,000 was made, but Gill Rowe received a £99, 575 redundancy package and the council will pay a £188,230 pension strain cost.

Also, from March 1 there will be four new directorates - leisure and wellbeing services; housing and inclusion services (incorporating transformation services); development and regeneration services; and street scene services.

The directorates will be supported by legal and democratic, and finance and human resources services.

The focus for the new directorates will be to deliver the council's priorities for the economy, environment and health and wellbeing of West Lancashire, while balancing the budget year-on-year.

Kim Webber said: "I am looking forward to working with staff, councillors, partners and communities in this new role. It is a privilege to be working in West Lancashire at such an exciting time."

New West Lancs Council chief executive, Kim Webber (left) and former joint managing director, Gill Rowe

Councillor Ian Moran, leader of the council, said: "I am delighted that the council has agreed these new management arrangements from March 1.

"The new structure will provide a clearer focus on driving forward our priorities while also delivering much-needed savings and I look forward to working with Kim and her team.

"We see this as a positive way forward and it provides one point of contact, whereas before we had two people at the top.

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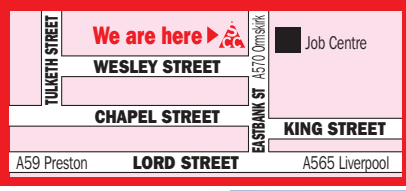

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Tust provides online self-referral service for people with mental heath worries

By Danielle Thompson

PEOPLE living in West Lancashire who are experiencing mental health problems can now self-refer themselves to local services using an online form.

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Mindsmatter service provides talking therapies for adults aged 16 years and over experiencing common mental health problems such as stress, depression and anxiety.

The service offers a range of therapies including stress control workshops, cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and counselling, as well as online CBT from Silver Cloud.

People can access the team by visiting their GP or self-referring into the service by post, telephone - and now online at www.lancashire-care.nhs.uk/Mindsmatter

Sue Crutchley, Mindsmatter senior business manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Around one in four of us will experience some form of mental health problem during our lives, so it's important people are aware of the support available to them, and that this support is accessed as soon as possible.

People experiencing mental health problems can now refer themselves online

Stigma

"We are aware that stigma surrounding mental health can result in people trying to avoid seeking help for many reasons; however we want to make access as easy as possible.

"We are pleased to now be able to offer an online self-referral form which people can access from the comfort of their own home and refer themselves directly to our team. Once the referral is received, the individual will receive a welcome call from a team member and from there they will then discuss the various options available for therapy and create a tailor-made programme aimed at helping with their recovery."

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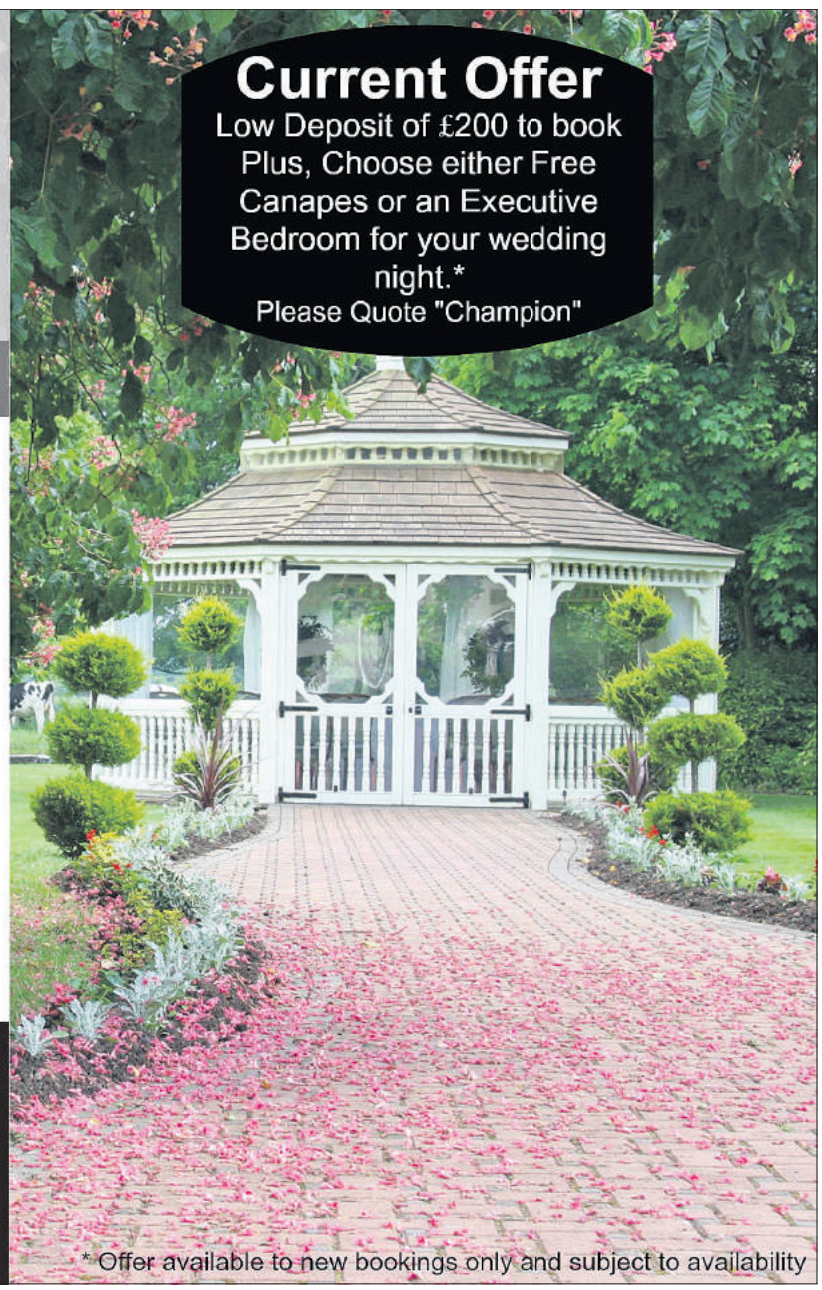

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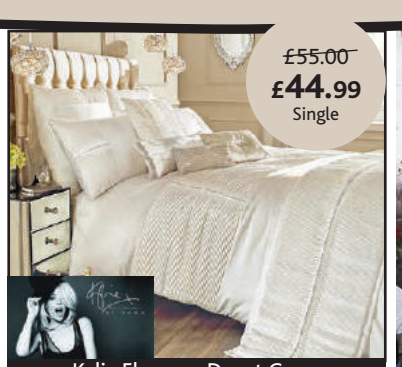

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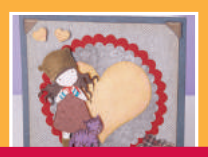

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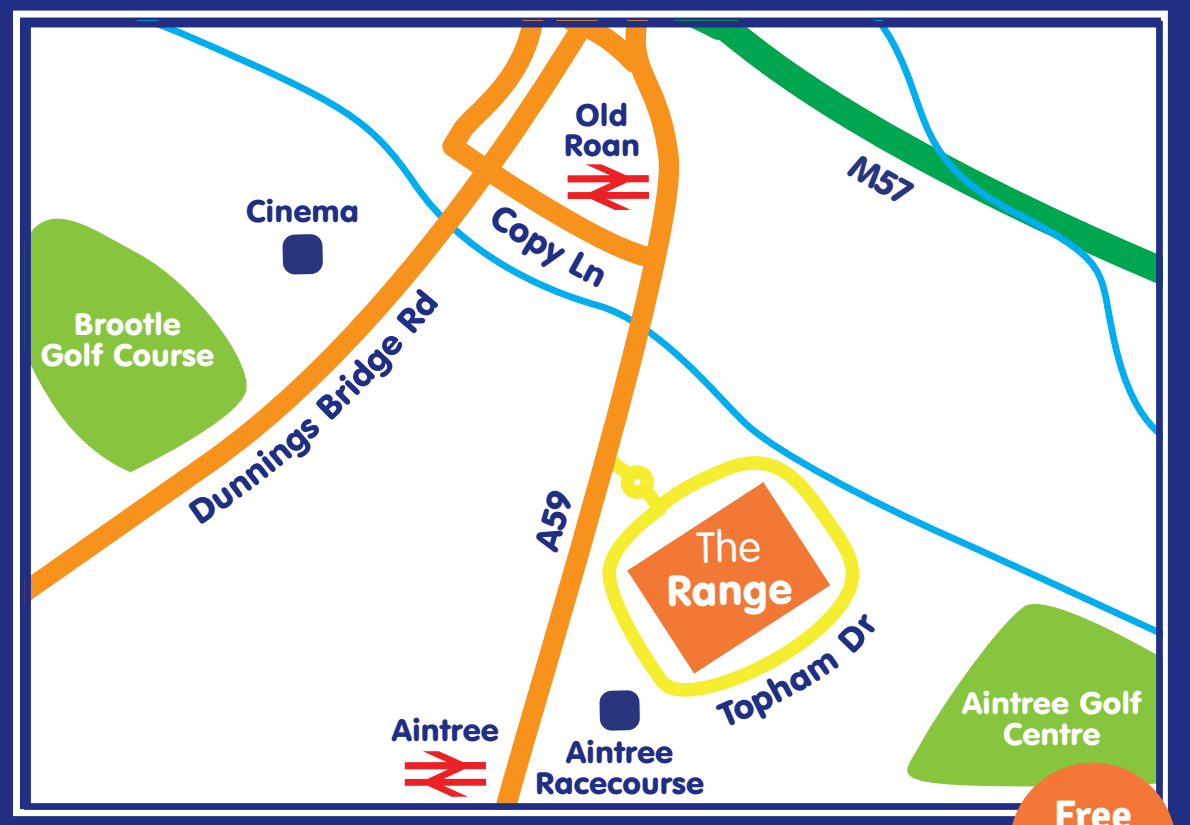

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The purpose built nursery, based at West Lancashire College's Skelmersdale Campus, boasts brand new state of the art facilities, including an outdoor play area which has been specially designed by architects giving children the opportunity to play outdoors all day, under cover in a safe environment.

The Outstanding judgement is given only when there is exceptional provision that greatly exceeds requirements.

Ofsted Inspectors commented on the fact that children are exceptionally well supported to develop the skills and attitudes to help them be prepared well for school, and that all children are making consistently strong progress towards the early learning goals.

The Ofsted Report further noted that parents and other professionals give high praise for the staff who are extremely caring and supportive and do their utmost to meet the needs of children and their families. Staff know the children extremely well and are highly effective in tuning into their interests and curiosity. Children thrive as their needs are met incredibly well.

Sue Lewin, Nursery Manager, commented "I am so proud of the Little Learners team, to be awarded Ofsted Grade 1 Outstanding is a testament to the hard work of the staff and to the fabulous facility we have here at West Lancashire College. We are delighted with the outcome and look forward to continuing to make a difference to the lives of children in West Lancashire."

Maria Gilling, Principal at West Lancashire College said "I am delighted with Ofsted's view of our early years' education provision at West Lancashire College's Little Learners Nursery. As research shows, the learning and development children gain during their first three years determine their success in school and into adulthood. I am really proud that our team at Little Learners is making such an excellent contribution to giving local children such a great start in life."

What our parent's say

Kathryn McAlister is parent to Issac, age 1, who attends Little Learners Nursery.

Kathryn said "Little Learners is fantastic! I can really see just how much Isaac has progressed since he started, in particular his social skills.

The nursery always keeps me up to date sending texts throughout the day, hosting parent's evenings and providing me with an end of day report so I can see just what Isaac has been doing.

All the staff are really supportive and caring which ensures that all Isaacs individual needs are met. I am delighted for the staff with this fabulous outcome and it's truly well deserved."

What our staff say

Naomi Mussell is a Nursery Nurse at Little Learners. Naomi commented "I love working at Little Learners. I have been working here for nearly two years after completing my Childcare Level 3 qualification at West Lancashire College.

As a team we are really supportive of each other and all share the same priority which is to meet the individual needs of the learners. It is so rewarding to know that I've had a daily impact on their development and progression; I really enjoy sharing this joy with parents.

I'm so happy that our hard work has been recognised by OFSTED as outstanding!"

Find out more

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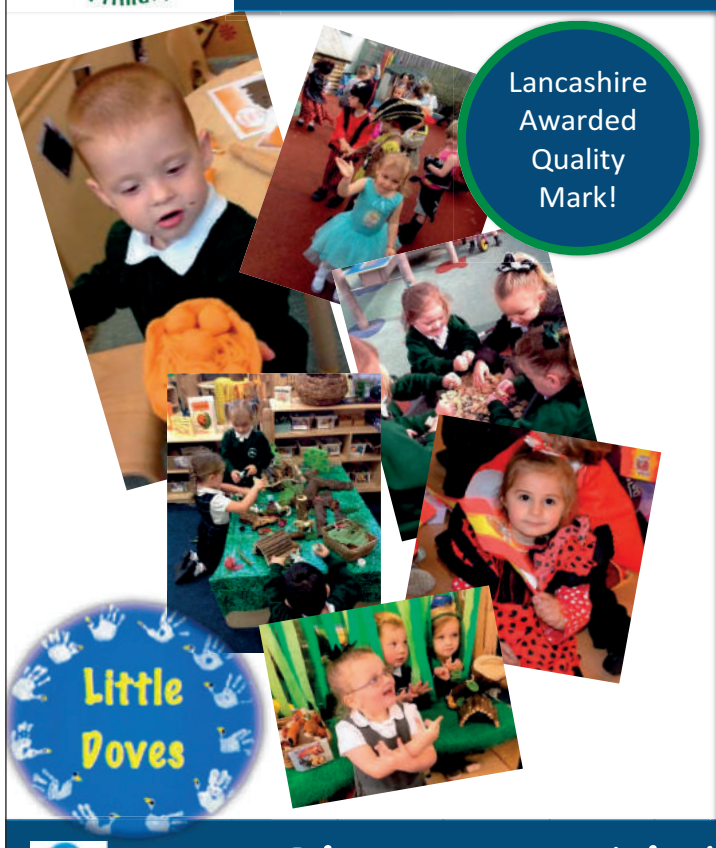

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- Do the carers know first aid?
- What is the staff's view on discipline?
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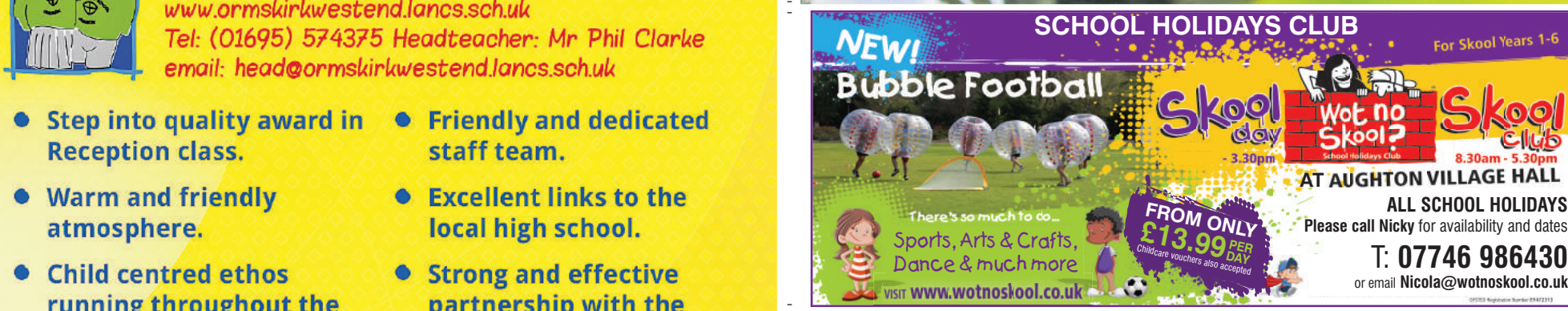

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Canoe safari and boat tours return at Mere

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The tours offer adults and children a chance to explore the wetland through open water, woodlands, wet grassland and reedbed as well as seeing the wildlife that call the canoe safari home.

Martin Mere marketing manager, Victoria Fellowes, said: "Just five years ago, the area that is now the canoe safari was a large field that we once grazed sheep on. It's amazing to see how it has matured and we have created fantastic habitat that species such as kingfisher, heron, little grebe and water voles have made their home; and you can get great sightings of these species as well as carp, moorhen and robin as well as listening to the sound of woodpeckers and bird calls.

"It is one of the most popular experiences we offer at Martin Mere in the spring and summer and a fantastic opportunity for people of all ages to get immersed in nature in a tranquil relaxing atmosphere."

Those who go on the tour can take a guided boat tour learning all about the Burscough reserve while staff and volunteers tell them all about the scenery and wildlife that call Martin Mere home.

Visitors can also take a self-guided tour of the wetland in one of the canoes, taking their time to enjoy all the scenery on offer. Canoes can hold up to three people.

The guided boat tour lasts 30 minutes and boats seat eight people and can also accommodate two wheelchairs.

There are no age restrictions to go on the canoe safari, although you must be able to fit into the supplied lifejacket. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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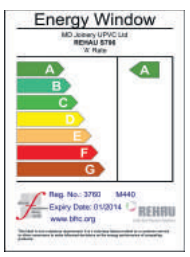

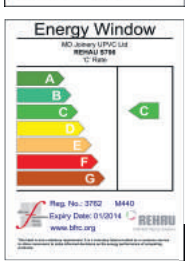

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Concerns voiced over excess winter deaths

THE number of people dying prematurely in West Lancashire each year in the winter over the past five years averages 52, new figures by the Office of National Statistics have shown.

While across the country statistics show that the number of people dying prematurely in winter 2014-15 are two-and-a-half times higher than in the previous winter.

The number of excess winter deaths (EWDs) in West Lancs peaked at 90 in 2012-13 and as the total for England and Wales has leapt from 17,460 to 43,900, it is expected that the borough will see a corresponding and worrying growth in local figures.

EWDs are defined as the difference between the number of deaths in the winter months of December to March and the average number of deaths which occurred in the rest of the year.

The World Health Organisation says that between 30 and 50% of excess winter deaths are a result of poorly insulated, cold homes.

The ONS figures show that fatalities in women have more than doubled with people aged over 75 worst affected.

Report by **Henry James**

West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, said: "The average number of excess winter deaths was already cause for concern, these new figures show that government cuts are really hurting our most vulnerable neighbours.

"These figures are truly shocking, particularly as this huge rise happened over one of the mildest winters in recent years. As the weather turns cold this week we are gravely concerned for the many people living in fuel poverty in West Lancashire."

Clive Lewis, Labour's shadow energy minister, added: "The latest figures show the highest number of EWDs since the winter of 1999, with many of these being older people, often living in homes with poor insulation. Yet the government is cutting back on lifesaving energy efficiency measures by up to 65%.

"Regrettably it will be those on low incomes and in poor-quality housing who will suffer because of this government's lack of investment."

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Edge Hill expert criticises football club over handling of Adam Johnson case

AN expert in child protection and safeguarding at Edge Hill University has criticised Sunderland Football Club for their handling of the case involving their former England player, Adam Johnson who was found guilty of a child sex charge.

Dr Melanie Lang believes the Premier Division club "prioritised a player above the safety and security of their fans."

She was speaking after Johnson was found guilty of sexual activity with a girl aged 15. He has been told he faces a "substantial prison sentence".

Sunderland FC has been heavily criticised for allowing Johnson to continue to play after he was charged. He was only sacked after the first day of the trial when he pleaded guilty to one count of sexual activity and another of grooming.

The club had originally suspended Johnson after he was arrested but this was subsequently lifted.

Dr Lang told the Guardian newspaper: "Johnson's a role model. He's coming out of training and matches where there are young people – like this 15-year-old girl; the club will be aware of that and they have a responsibility to safeguard everybody, including the fans.

"They must have known that he was a potential risk at that point from what he admitted and it raises really big questions about why they prioritised a player above the safety and security of their fans.."

In their defence, the club have said that they thought Johnson was going to plead not guilty to all child sex offence charges against him.

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County backs campaign to encourage LGBT fostering and adoption

Report by **Henry James**

A CAMPAIGN which encourages people from the lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) community to consider fostering or adoption is being backed by Lancashire County Council.

LGBT Adoption and Fostering Week runs from March 7-13 and is run by New Family Social, the network for LGBT adoptive and foster families.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "In Lancashire we have a number of same-sex couples providing stable and loving homes for children and young people who cannot live with their own families.

"We always need more foster carers and adoptive parents from all walks of life, and I want to remind people that we welcome applications from people of all ages, single, married, cohabiting, in same-sex relationships, with or without their own children, working or not – in fact, like any other cross-section of society.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

"What the children and young people need most of all is a caring nature, to enjoy being with children and a determination to see it through. Our children need people to stand by them.

"I'm delighted that we are supporting this year's LGBT Adoption and Fostering Week. LGBT people make great parents and there are so many children waiting for a loving home, either temporary or permanent. Perhaps you could be a parent to a child who is waiting.

"To be considered as adoptive parents, they need to be over 21 and living in or close to Lancashire.

"A range of adoption support services and advice are available to anyone who has adopted a child.

"We recognise that adoptive families require support at different times and even when you've adopted, we're here if you need us."

To find out more about fostering or adoption ring 0300 123 6723; alternatively visit the websites at www.lancashire.gov.uk/adoption or www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering.

More information about LGBT Adoption and Fostering Week can be found at www.lgbtadoptfosterweek.org.uk.

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The CQC who regulate the care sector have just released a number of very useful booklets entitled **'What can you expect from a good'** they cover: hospitals, dentists, care homes, GP practices and home - care agencies.

Finding out what good care should look like can help you to make choices about your own support or care for a loved one. It can also help you understand what you should be able to expect from an existing service you might already use.

When the CQC inspect home-care agencies, there are five questions they ask. Is it safe? Is it effective? Is it caring? Is it responsive to people's needs? Is it well-led? The care providers are then rated as: Inadequate, Requires Improvement, Good or Outstanding.

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Chance to enjoy a taste of village's cake-making past

By **Danielle Thompson**

RESIDENTS with a keen interest in local history and tradition are invited to enjoy a slice of the action at the next meeting of the Burscough Heritage Group on Monday, March 14.

Bygone baking is the theme of the gathering to be held at the Blue Mallard on Burscough Wharf, starting at 7pm.

And Heritage Group officials are inviting anyone with memories and artefacts from local bakeries of the last 50 years - including Laverys, Outrams and Elkes and Fox - to go along and share their stories at what will be the group's second annual cake-themed meeting.

Group member, Colin Wareing, said: "Following on from last year's successful show-and-tell evening, which looked at the Burscough bakeries and prompted a good selection of memories, photographs and even cake that the factories had produced over 50 years ago! - we're looking forward to a second slice of tasty recollections.

"Once again the idea behind the evening is a 'show and tell' night with some limited displays of old photographs, and if anyone has any old biscuit tins from bygone times that would be great.

"A question from that first meeting that we are still seeking an answer for is what happened to the Laverys factory chimney, which was still in place in the 1970s but isn't there now?

The Blue Mallard has good disabled access and the history group will be asking for a £2 donation per person.

For more information or to send photographs ring Colin on 07931 356204 or e-mail burscoughvch@yahoo.co.uk.

Unopened Elkes cake tins from the 1960s containing Dundee, Irish whiskey and brandy cake, which were taken along to the last cake-themed meeting last year

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Andy is Labour candidate for Burscough West in upcoming local elections

ANDY Pritchard has been chosen as the Labour candidate for Burscough West in the forthcoming local elections when he will be bidding to succeed Councillor Cynthia Dereli who is stepping down.

Family man and lifelong West Lancs resident, Andy, who runs his own fencing company, lives in Burscough.

He said: "I've lived, studied and worked in West Lancashire all my life and having settled here in Burscough, I wish to represent my friends and neighbours within my community.

"Burscough has seen great change in recent times, and there is more to come, but we must work together to ensure we protect and enhance the character of our village.

"I feel honoured to have been chosen as the Labour candidate and I will work my hardest to represent local concerns and needs."

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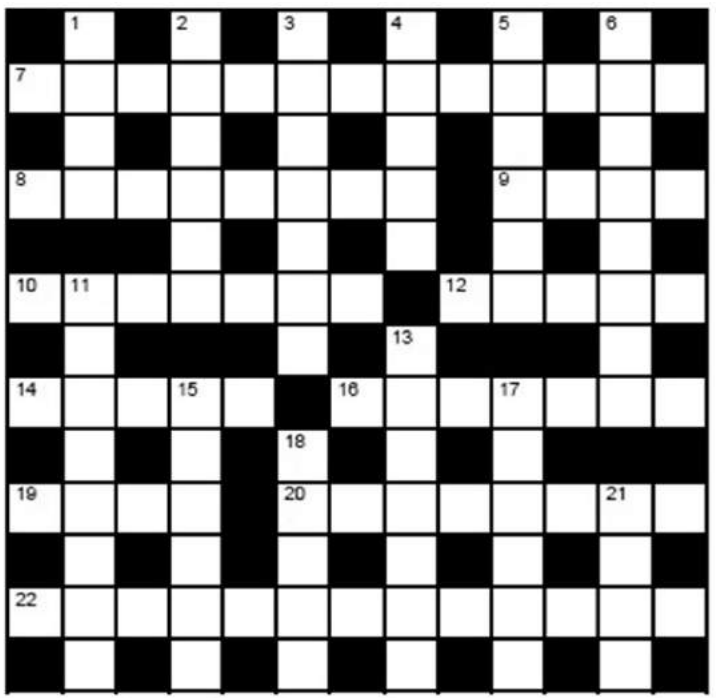

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Across: 7 Coward. 8 Binary. 9 Hers. 10 Futurity. 11 Caprice. 13 Gnome. 15 Atone. 17 Rostrum. 20 Snowball. 21 Peck. 22 Outrun. 23 Friary.
Down: 1 Novena. 2 Pass. 3 Edifice. 4 Abate. 5 Intranet. 6 Pro tem. 12 Ringworm. 14 Lowlife. 16 Tongue. 18 Uncurl. 19 Banns. 21 Paid.

ACROSS

7 Automatically approved (13)
8 Trivial or nonsensical fuss (8)
9 Unit of linear measure equivalent to 2.54cms (4)
10 Christian hermit or recluse (7)
12 Serious and immediate danger (5)
14 Succulent plant native to southern USA and tropical America (5)
16 Deliver, allocate (7)
19 Informal term for a medal (4)
20 Intrude on, trespass (8)
22 Bird trained to carry messages (7,6)

DOWN

1 Greek liquor flavoured with anise (4)
2 Latin term meaning in this place used as a literary reference point (6)
3 Proportionally (7)
4 Stand or booth from which to sell goods in a market (5)
5 Cricket or tennis official (6)
6 Attractive, appealing (8)
11 Relating to a specific area (8)
13 Abstract idea (7)
15 Quirk (6)
17 (Of food) Heavy, filling (6)
18 Sloping surface or edge (5)
21 Black-plumed aquatic bird of the rail family (4)

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Clarkson compo payout a punch in the face for common sense

CAN someone please tell me which pub is Jeremy Clarkson's local? It doesn't matter where it is, I can easily get there by train and taxi.

And I can afford to - or I very soon would be able to. All I have to do is find Jeremy, preferably shortly before closing time, and engage in a little friendly banter.

You know, ask if he enjoyed his steak dinner? Is he really as oafish as he appears? Enquire how he is planning to reduce his own spare tyre? Chummy sort of stuff like that.

And then, with just a modicum of luck, next minute I'll be nursing a bleeding nose and wondering where I should invest the £100k payout I am about to receive.

I confess I did enjoy Top Gear, complete with Jeremy and the boys. Oafish he may be - well, OK, he is. But it refreshed me no end to have a regular dose of gloriously unpolitically correct inane chatter and wonder at the vast amounts of cash his show generated for our modern, right-on Beeb.

Of course, in the end it wasn't the risqué chatter that earned him the sack. No, it was that punch on his producer's visage that did him in - though of course he has bounced back, unfortunately on a TV channel I cannot receive.

Point is though, this producer chappy, one Oisin Tymon decided to sue. And then Jeremy, going halves with BBC TV happily spending our licence fee, has agreed not only to apologise to the apparently now repaired Oison, but to cough up northwards of £100,000 for his hurt feelings (and nose).

Frankly, I've rarely heard such nonsense, even on Top Gear itself. If anybody were to lose their dander with me over nothing and clout me one, firstly I very much doubt if I would even contemplate suing over it, and if I did I bet the compo would be more like £100 than £100,000.

Indeed, this whole business of compensation seems to me to have got out of hand anyway. If it wasn't for courts handing down ridiculous sums for hurt feelings, free speech might still be with us. If they didn't financially recompense all and sundry for whiplash injuries after a minor shunt at a roundabout, perhaps there would be far fewer spurious car insurance claims and every driver would benefit from lower premiums.

A photographer and I, having been travelling for most of the day, once arrived at a fairly posh hotel in Scotland late in the evening. We were told dinner had finished, but we could get sandwiches.

So that was our steak out of the window for a start. And enquiring if then we could at least have a drink after a genuinely hard day, we were told yes, but only in our rooms.

Did either of us punch the waiter after our disappointment? Well, no we didn't. We retired sulkily to our (admittedly very nice if corporate) rooms and sulked quietly.

I don't suppose the waiter realised that he had missed out on a £100k tip - but at least he didn't get a stain on his white jacket either.

So, oaf Jeremy was without doubt at fault, and should have apologised fulsomely at the time. He should indeed have bought poor old Oisin a Scotch or three.

In the circumstances that's what I would have done. But then, I am not, I hope, an oaf. More importantly, I would have genuinely been sorry for a rash act.

But Oisin of course would have missed out on his life-changing windfall - so I sincerely hope he realises how lucky he was not to have fallen out with me rather than the obviously tired Clarkson.

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Until Saturday, 9 April, Ormskirk Library, on Union Street, will be open as follows: Saturday, March 12 9am to noon and 1.30 to 4pm; Saturday, March 19 9am to noon; Saturday, March 26 9am to noon and 1.30 to 4pm; Saturday, April 2 9am to noon; and Saturday, April 9 9am to noon and 1.30 to 4pm.

Although changes have been made to the libraries' Saturday opening hours, their weekday opening hours will remain the same, apart from the following changes.

Ormskirk Library will also close on Mondays and Fridays at 5pm instead of 7pm until Saturday, April 9 and Parbold Library will close from 1 to 2pm on Mondays to Fridays until Saturday, April 9.

The nearest libraries to Ormskirk for people to use during the reduced opening hours are Skelmersdale Library and Leyland Library, while Skelmersdale library users can also use Chorley Library.

Eric's Poppies print KOs rivals!

KEEN snappers from five local clubs contested the annual North Mersey Inter-club Print Challenge at Maghull Photography Club.

Each club submitted 10 prints to be judged on a knockout basis with prints scoring one point for each round they survived.

Winner of the Warren Trophy was Maghull Photography Club, for the second year running, while the individual print winner was Eric Fairclough of Ormskirk Camera Club, with his print Poppies.

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Ultimate Elton and Rocket Band coming to resort

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SOME tribute artists look like their idol, some sound like their idol. Paul Bacon as Sir Elton John does both.

Close your eyes and you won't believe your ears, open your eyes and you won't believe them either. You simply won't find a closer tribute to Sir Elton John, and he plays Southport's Floral Hall on Friday, March 11.

Rapidly established as the foremost Elton John tribute act in the UK, Ultimate Elton and The Rocket Band present an accurate reproduction of the classic live shows of one of pop music's most successful and best-loved artists - performances that also often feature some of Elton's actual costumes, bought from his Out the Closet sales!

Paul as Ultimate Elton received the ultimate accolade recently when he was asked to perform with his band at the 90th birthday celebrations of Elton John's very own mother, Sheila Fairbrother. Among the guests which included close friends, relatives and celebrities was Kiki Dee who sang the classic Don't Go Breaking My Heart with Paul and the band. Paul said: "It was a fabulous night, and one I'm sure we will remember for many, many years!"

Ultimate Elton and The Rocket Band are now much in demand throughout the UK and beyond. Their status as one of the top tribute acts on the circuit today was recognized recently at the recent National Tribute Awards, run by the influential The Agents Association' of Great Britain, who awarded the band Official UK No 1 for performances as the ever popular Elton John Band!

Top jazz clarinettist performing in town

THE UK's number one jazz clarinettist Pete Long is star guest with Phil Shotton's Swingshift Big Band at The Royal Clifton Hotel on Sunday, March 20.

The matinee event organised by Southport Melodic Jazz starts at 2pm to 4.30 pm in the Balmoral Suite.

The programme will cover clarinet classics from the Big Band Era including favourites from Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman and Duke Ellington.

Pete Long is taking time off from his regular band leading duties for the solo spot. He heads his own London based Echoes of Ellington band as well as his Jazz At The Phil combo.

He is a clarinet virtuoso and a highly entertaining front man.

Peter Long

On the same day at 8pm to 10.30pm in the Windsor Suite New York jazz vocalist Marlene VerPlanck will perform. She will be accompanied by The Chris Holmes Trio.

Marlene VerPlanck has been exploring the Great American Songbook since her days singing in the bands of Charlie Spivak, Tex Beneke and Tommy Dorsey.

She's contributed backing vocals to a legion of artists, including Sinatra and KISS, and has sung on demos for the writers in the Brill Building.

But it's her work as a solo artist that has brought her lasting fame. On this, her 24th album, the singer continues to showcase her talents.

The album – The Mood I'm In – Audiophile Records just got a five star revue from US critic Leon Nock in the March Jazz Journal International.

Youth group to present Bard classic

WRITTEN around 1594, Romeo & Juliet Shakespeare's first great tragedy tells the story of two passionate lovers who defy the ancient enmity between their families, *writes Ron Ellis*.

The SDC Youth Theatre's production of one of the most popular of the Bard's plays is well timed to coincide with the 400th anniversary of the playwright's death.

It is tribute indeed to Shakespeare's work that so many 'modern' films and shows are based on his plays - Return to the Forbidden Planet (The Tempest), Kiss Me Kate and 10 Things I Hate About You (The Taming of the Shrew) to name but a few.

Director, Les Gomersall, explains that the youngsters involved in this production, which runs from March 16 to March 19, are taking this idea of basing modern-day stories on Shakespeare's work and 'flipping the coin' as it were. Their interpretation of this much loved play will be based on West Side Story, a musical which tells the story of rival street gangs in New York in the early 1960's and the passionate lovers who defy the enmity between the Jets and the Sharks.

This exciting and original approach promises a unique production, as Les is not aware of this ever having been attempted before. He is really impressed with the hard work and dedication of such a young cast who not only have to learn the Bard's language but have to deliver it in either American or Puerto Rican accents.

He also hopes that schools in the area are going to take the opportunity of encouraging students to come along to watch Shakespeare performed in a less traditional manner.

The Little Theatre Box Office opened on March 7 (Tel: 01704 530521) so please support the SDC Youth in their latest production Romeo & Juliet based on West Side Story.

Folk singer on tour with new album

FAY Hield – a critically acclaimed award winning folk singer is due to release her third solo album Old Adam this month and to support the release will be touring and is planning to come to the Atkinson.

Fay is a BBC Radio 2 Folk award winner and will be coming to the Atkinson studio with her band The Hurricane Party on Friday, March 18.

Old Adam contains 14 tracks, ranging from the The Hag in the Beck from the 1600s to The Briar and the Rose, a version of a Tom Waits song.

The title track explores the oldest story in the book: "The fantasy of a purity of life, before corruption and sin – perhaps it was a result of the developing sins that we have these songs to help us make sense of it all," said Fay.

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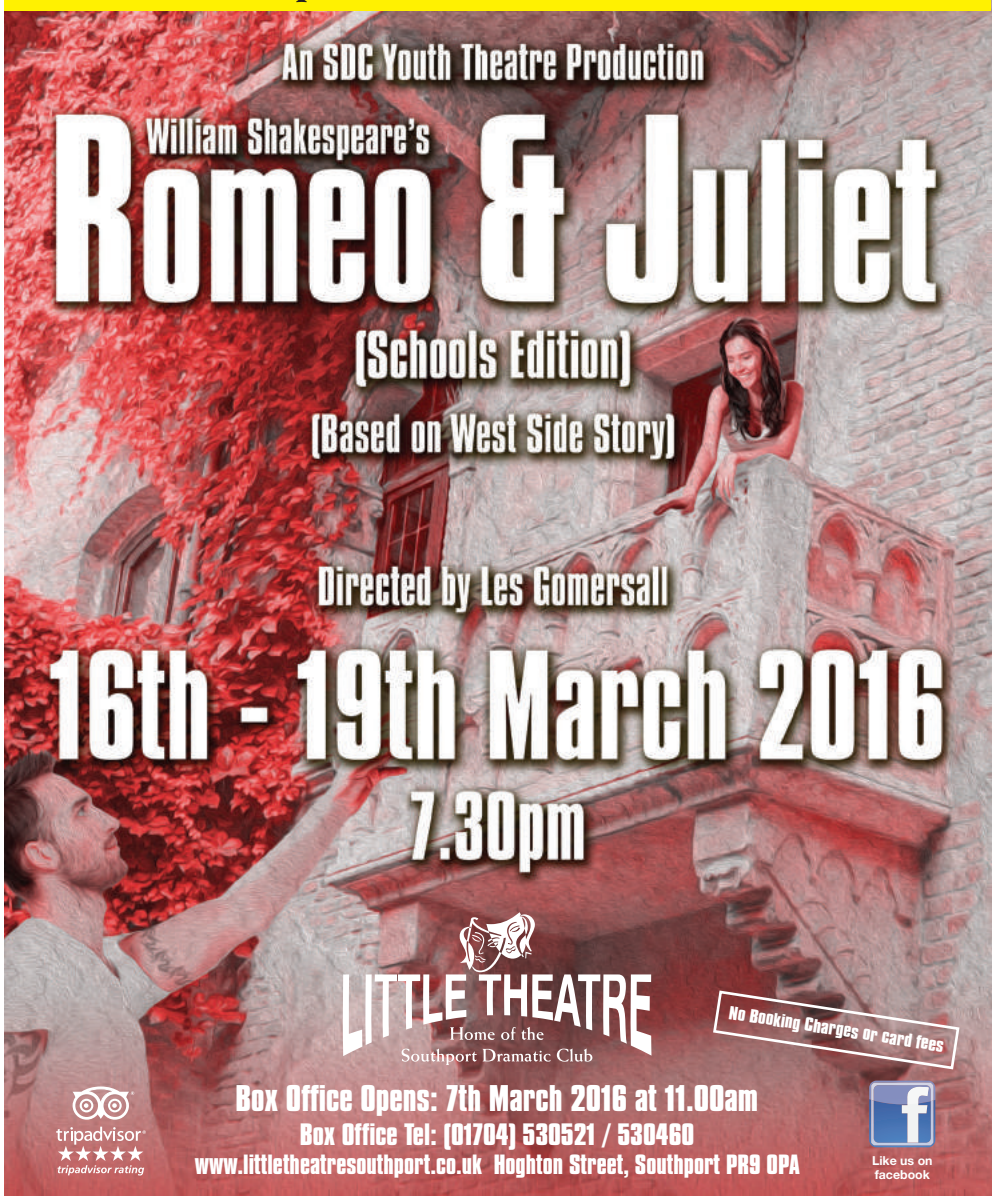

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There are just three Keats available at Orchid Meadow, priced at £330,995. Furthermore, the properties have been completed with a host of extras including carpets, floor tiles and an integrated fridge freezer internally. Externally, they benefit from boundary fencing and turf to the rear garden which finishes the outside area off superbly.

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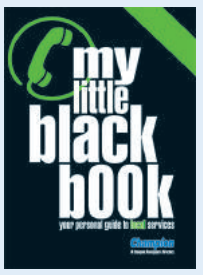

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HAYTON JOHN
Elizabeth and family wish to express sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, sympathy cards, floral tributes and donations received for Queenscourt Hospice and Lathom Park Chapel during their recent sad loss of John. Special thanks to District Nurses, Care Concern and Queenscourt Hospice for the excellent medical care John received at home. To Rev'd Lin Camp for her kind ministrations, to the wardens of Lathom Park Chapel for their help and co operation and to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service for dignified funeral arrangements.

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5th Sept 2015
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DEATHS

JONES SUSAN
Aged 55
5th March 2016
Those special memories of you will always bring a smile,
If only I could have you back for just a little while.
Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do,
You always meant so very much and always will do too.
The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain,
But you're forever in my heart until we meet again.

My wife of 32 years.
My soul mate.
Your loving husband
Keith
xx

JONES SUSAN
Aged 55
5th March 2016
Not just my sister-in-law but also my best friend. Words can never express just how much I'll miss you.
All my love
Isabel

My Auntie.
My Godmother.
My guide through life.
We were so lucky to have had you in our lives Auntie Sue. We love you more than words can say.
Your niece Suzanne and Great nephew James xx

HODSON DOROTHY (Nee Wright)
25th February 2016
Passed away peacefully in her own home
Aged 92 years
R.I.P.
Dearly loved Wife of the late Edward, much loved Mum of Maureen, Marion, Dorothy, Beverley and the late Edwina. A loving Nan and Great-nan. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral Service at Sacred Heart R.C. Church on Thursday 10th March at 11:00am followed by interment in Ainsdale Catholic Cemetery. Flowers welcome.
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SIMS IRENE

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HARRISON KENNETH

23rd February 2016 Aged 84 years.

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BEVINS WALTER

3rd March 2016 Aged 83 years.

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DEATHS

DEAKIN VIOLET

2nd March 2016

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MARTLAND THOMAS

1st March 2016 Suddenly Aged 84 years

Loving husband of Eunice, devoted Dad of David (dec'd) Dear Father in law of Jenny, cherished Grandad of Sarah and husband Ashley and Andrew. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St. Pauls Church on Friday 11th March at 11.15am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

McQUADE DANIEL (DANNY)

3rd March 2016 Aged 78 years

Devoted Husband of Doris, loving Dad of Mike, Steven and Danny. Dear Father in law of Maxine, Wendy and Sonia. Cherished Grandad and Great Grandad of his Grandchildren will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 16th March at 10.45am. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Dementia Society. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868.

DEATHS

JONES SUSAN

Jones

5th March 2016

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POOLE STEPHEN

29th February 2016, aged 48.

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POOLE STEPHEN

29th February 2016, aged 48.

Ours is just a simple prayer for God to keep you in his care. RIP Stephen. Love John, Barry, Conner.

POOLE STEPHEN

25/09/1968

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Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayers may be answered. Say it for 9 days and it has never been known to fail.

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This is the most important part of the entire process YOU MUST pass this miracle prayer onto others. Some people publish it in the paper, others e-mail it to their friends, and others post it in a public building.

J

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PIGGOTT MAUREEN

March 2008

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GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

European Wood Products Ltd trading as European Door Sets of Langley Road, Burscough Industrial Estate, Ormskirk L40 8JR is applying for a licence to use Langley Road, Burscough Industrial Estate, Ormskirk L40 8JR as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(NEW LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of New Lane Burscough from a point outside property number 111 New Lane to a point outside property number 113 New Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours until 1530 hours on Saturday 12th March 2016 or until completion of the works within this period

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

Marsh Moss Lane – Tarlscough Lane – Red Cat Lane – A59 Liverpool Road North – A59 Liverpool Road South – Higgins Lane – New Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow repairs to a damaged inspection chamber to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager, Lancashire Highway Services. 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/16/08/2167/arh]

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/0176/FUL Erection of single storey dwelling for occupation by nursery worker and family at Stanley Gate Nursery, Ormskirk Road, Bickerstaffe.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2016/0213/FUL Variation of Condition No. 8 on planning permission 2011/0787/FUL to read 'Operation hours of the construction/engineering works shall be limited between 0800 to 1600 hours Monday to Friday and 0700 to 1300 hours on Saturdays. No works shall take place on Sundays or Bank Holidays.' at Beacon Park Golf And Country Club, Beacon Lane, Dalton.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
Application No: 2016/0225/FUL Variation of Condition No.2 imposed on planning permission 2015/0636/FUL to allow substitution of plan reference 'Melrow-GV Rev C' received by the Local Planning Authority on 04/09/15 with plan reference 'Melrow-GV Rev E' received by the Local Planning Authority on 01/03/16 at Melrow Salads, Melrow Nurseries, Rydings Lane, Banks.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0128/FUL Removal of existing pitched roof at rear and creation of a flat roof with rear fire escape access. New window and fire door at first floor and velux windows in roof at Cobble, 1 Church Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2016/0146/FUL Detached four bedroom dwelling at 23 Small Lane, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2016/0208/FUL Single storey rear extension after demolition of single storey rear outbuilding and loft conversion at 6 Church View, Aughton.
Application No: 2016/0222/FUL Separate two storey and single storey side extensions at 1 The Rowans, Aughton.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
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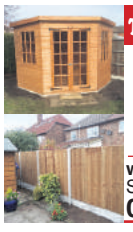

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Oh, and once a year there's a show stuffed with shiny new supercars too. I've just jetted back from my first ever visit to something that ought to be on every car fan's bucket list.

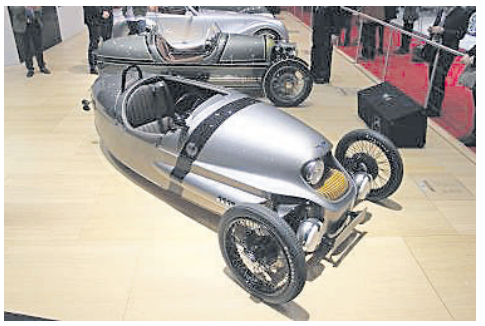
The Geneva Motor Show is where you go to take the pulse of the motoring world because so many manufacturers use it to launch new cars, and it's where the European Car of the Year gets announced (congratulations Vauxhall, by the way).

Really I ought have been sensible and reported back faithfully to your *Champion*-reading chums what the new Renault Scenic's like – but I failed because I got distracted by the shiny supercars. You would too, given the choice between a Scenic and the new Porsche 911 Turbo S.

So I ended up pretending to be rich, middle aged and with just one question – which one car would I forgo the Easyjet flight for and drive back to Blighty? One of the show's big stars – the Bugatti Chiron – is out straight away because its makers have wimped out of making it the world's fastest production car by limiting its top speed to (just) 261mph. It's 11mph faster than a Golf GTI and nearly seven times as powerful – but when it comes down to it it'll still lose you a game of *Top Trumps*.

Ford's GT gives just as much visual theatre for a fraction of the price but the mid-engined arrival that really won me over was Honda's new NSX. Not only does it use clever hybrid technology to go fast in a vaguely eco-friendly way, but it looks stunning in the flesh. The Nineties original might have been a flop here, but I really hope this one does better.

The NSX is an amazing bit of kit – but the one car that really won me over was a small sports car made not by robots in Japan, but craftsmen in Worcestershire. Morgan's EV3 might only be a one-off show car for now but I really hope they make it. It is essentially the slightly bonkers Threewheeler, but with an electric motor rather than a tuned motorcycle engine. Not only does it look completely unhinged and promise to be on the fun side of terrifying to drive, but it's also the most compelling argument I've seen yet for people like me – the petrolheads – to take up eat-your-greens electric motoring. Count me in.



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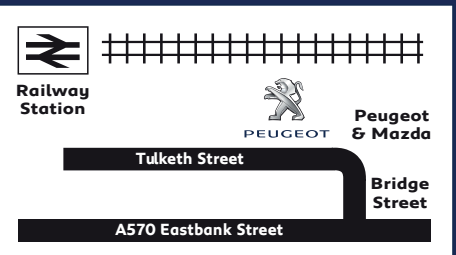

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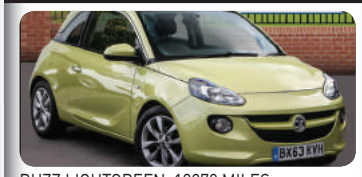

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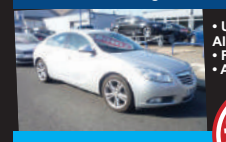

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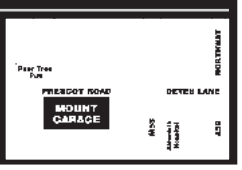

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No luck in Lincolnshire as five goals conceded - then team coach breaks down

Stamford 5
Skelmersdale United 2

SKELMERSDALE were hit for five down in Lincolnshire in a heavy away loss.

Stamford struck early when the ball was lofted down the right-hand side and was helped on to Jake Newman who cut inside and sent an excellent dropping shot over Martin Fearon and left it nestling in the far corner.

Skelmersdale levelled on 14 minutes and it was the culmination of a good passing build-up.

Paul Woolcott took his time and played the ball to Phil Mooney in the penalty area. He quickly released a short ball to Max Hazeldine, who dinked the ball into the corner of the net as home goalkeeper Paul Bastock closed him down. However, two goals in five minutes around the half-hour put Stamford in charge.

After 27 minutes another lofted ball down the right was headed on by Newman to Jake Duffy, who after, evading a couple of tackles, drove the ball into the the net.

On 32 minutes a weak header caused a problem. Right-back Taron Hare crossed into the area, the ball was only partially headed away and fell to forward Greg Smith, who wrong footed Valtar Fernandes and fired into the net.

Stamford started the second-half strongly and Fearon was soon forced into making a couple of good saves.

But on 54 minutes he had no chance. Jordan Smith set off on a run down the left, and cut inside breaking through a number of challenges before he was tripped in the penalty area by Fernandes.

After a lot of arguing the Portuguese was perhaps fortunate to be shown a yellow, before Greg Smith smashed home his second goal of the game from the spot.

Twelve minutes later it was all over. A Duffy free-kick from the left saw the ball bounce off the far post and back across goal, Jordan Smith won the race and stabbed the ball home from three yards.

Skem continued to press and four minutes Shaun Tuck hit the crossbar. Seconds later the ball went back into the box and Kenny Strickland hit the crossbar, and this time the ball went to Chris Almond he headed it to Tuck who headed home from close range.

To rub salt in the Skelmersdale wounds, the team coach broke down at the ground and they were only able to embark on their journey home at around 7.30pm.

History on Skem's side against Salford

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

IT is a day for 'star spotting' at Stormy Corner on Saturday when Salford City take on Skelmersdale United.

Although Skem suffered a heavy defeat on an equally heavy pitch back in January at Moor Lane they will not be without hope, especially when you take into account Salford's record at Skem.

The league table shows Salford 27 points ahead of Skelmersdale and the record shows that they beat Skelmersdale 4-0 earlier in the season, and the records also show that Salford have won 12 out of 17 away games this season.

So the seasons' stats point to a Salford victory, but there are other stats that perhaps need taking into account before you go racing off the bookmakers.

Records show that out of the last eight times Salford have visited Stormy Corner, Skelmersdale have won seven and one game was drawn, meaning Salford have not won at Skelmersdale for quite a while. In these games Skem have scored 23 goals, Salford just 10.

There are many in football that look at these records very closely because they often repeat themselves, even against the odds.

For example a couple of weeks ago Grantham 'unexpectedly' won at Skem, but the records show that Grantham have never lost at Skelmersdale.

Salford have a strong squad and are likely to have former Skelmersdale striker Josh Hine up front after the member of Skelmersdale's championship winning 'Class of 2013' moved to The Ammies from Chorley last month.

It is not known as to whether any of Alex Ferguson's 'Class of 92' will make the trip over from Manchester for the match. One thing that is known though is that it all makes Saturday's match all the more intriguing and is a reason why a good gate is expected.

Skelmersdale travelled to Barwell last night (Tuesday) in a league fixture.

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Astley Milholland's free kick puts Glossop ahead

Linnets are brought down to earth by the Hillmen

Burscough 0
Glossop North End 3

BURSCOUGH lost out to promotion chasing rivals Glossop North End after conceding three goals at home for only the second time this season.

The result means Glossop now move eight points ahead of the Linnets who will be hoping to hang on to fifth place which is the last spot in the play off zone.

With the game goalless at half time, Glossop came out for the second half and produced an impressive display to score three goals. The visitors went ahead in the 52nd minute from an Astley Milholland free-kick which was crossed into the box, seemed to evade all the players before nestling in the far corner of the net.

David Young doubled the lead for Glossop in the 68th minute and Mark Reedsealed the win for the Hillmen in the 84th minute.

Burscough were scheduled to host Clitheroe last night (Tuesday) in the league before travelling to Witton Albion this Saturday.

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Lawson signs midfielder from Port

SKELMERSDALE United manager Tommy Lawson has bolstered his squad after signing midfielder Mike Brewster from Southport.

The 21-year-old central midfield player is joining Skelmersdale on loan until the end of the season.

Locally born Brewster has been full-time with both Oldham Athletic and St Mirren before he was signed up by then Sandgrounders manager Paul Carden in the close season. He has found himself unable to grab a regular first team shirt at Haig Avenue and the move the Stormy Corner represents a good opportunity for him to reignite his career.

His box-to-box hardworking reputation combined with an eye for a telling pass should fit in well with Skem's on the floor football style and he went straight into the squad forTuesday's trip to Barwell.

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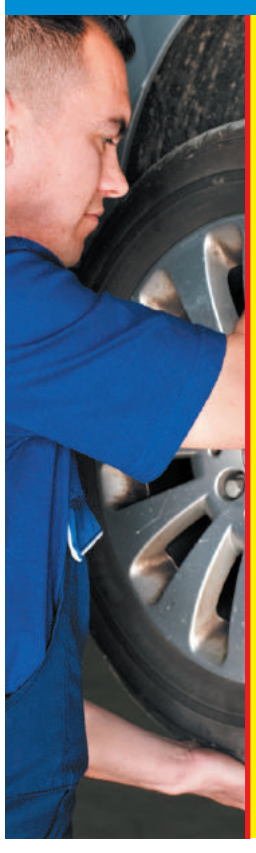

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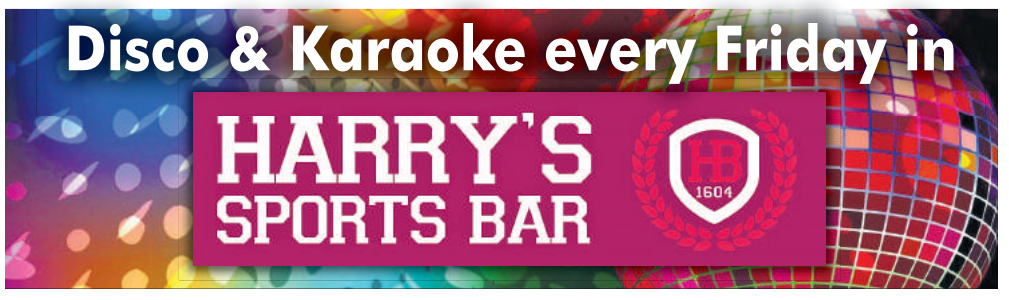

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